

Annual Reports
of the

TOWN of STRAFFORD

New Hampshire

2002
For the year ending
December 31, 2002

LESTER E. HUCKINS, SELECTMAN

Lester has served the Town of Strafford in some capacity since 1956. He was a member of the School Board from 1956 to 1967, the Tax Collector in 1958, 1959 and 1960, and a Selectman between 1972-1978 and 1985-2003. He has continued to serve as the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board for many years, been our resident carpenter donating labor and lumber while helping to build the Police Department garage, as well as a "Jack of all trades" for many projects in and out of the Town Offices when needed. In addition, he was a member of the committee for the construction of the original School and Town Office building, the committee for the 1989 addition to the Strafford School and is currently serving as a member of the Municipal Complex committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for everything. Your presence will be greatly missed.



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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Gloria Creamer, 2001-2004

JoAnn Brown, 2002-2005

Lester Huckins, 2000-2003

Ellen J. White - Administrative Assistant

TOWN CLERK

Nancy Goedker - 2001-2004

TOWN TREASURER

Bertha Huckins, 2001-2004

TAX COLLECTOR

Judith Dupre (appointed)

MODERATOR

William G. Lord, 2002-2004

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Carol Cooper, 2000-2006

Marilyn Roderick, 2002-2008

Sandra K. Schwab, 2001-2007

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Kenneth A. Berry

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carol McCarty, 2002-2005

Diane Ames - 2001-2004

Pamela Marks, 2000-2003

ROAD AGENT

Greg Messenger, 2002-2003

BUILDING INSPECTOR/HEALTH OFFICER

Stephen Smith

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

(Emergency Management)

Scott Whitehouse

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Roger Leighton 2000-2003

William L. Marks 20002-2005

Justine Leighton 2001-2004

FIRE WARDEN

Glenn Pierce

DEPUTIES

Tom Stano

Scott Whitehouse

John MacDougall

Loren Pierce

Eric Gale

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scott Young - Chief of Police

Mary Macfadzen - Secretary

Randolph Young

Donald J. Laliberte

Thomas Bibeau

Timothy Sawyer

Eric Gale

Michael Richard

PLANNING BOARD

Edgar W. Huckins, Chairman, 2000-2003

Charles Moreno, 2002-2005

James F. Kerivan, 2001-2004

Donald Rhodes, 2002-2005

Lester Huckins, 2000-2003

ALTERNATES

Roger Leighton

David Dupee

Paul Eaton

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William G. Lord, Chairman, 2001-2004

Nathan Lake, 2000-2003

Herbert Scribner, 2002-2005

Stephen Leighton, 2001-2004

Herman Groth, 2001-2004

ALTERNATES

William L. Marks

Anthony D.K. Fallon

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jack Bronnenberg, 2000-2003

Elizabeth Evans, 2001-2004

Bruce Smith, 2001-2004

Harmony Anderson, 2002-2005

Calvin Schroeder, 2000-2003

Sarah M. Ward, 2002-2005

JoAnn Brown, 2002-2005

Alternate Member: Albert Pratt

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert White

ROCHESTER / RURAL DISTRICT VISITING NURSE SERVICES & HOSPICE

Telephone 755-2202 or 332-1133

FIRE AND RESCUE

Loren Pierce - Chief of Department

Scott Whitehouse - Deputy Chief

Erica Helm - Secretary

Sandra Pierce - Treasurer

BOW LAKE STATION

Robert Lobdell - Captain

CENTER STATION

Glenn Pierce - Captain

CROWN POINT STATION

Tom Stano - Captain

LIEUTENANTS

Doug Hayes

Paul Stover

Matt Lobdell

DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Terry Bickford

Terry Bickford, Jr.

Ken Chick

Paul Yergeau

Stephen Austin

Paul Stover

Nolan Woodcock

Donna Michaud

Bill Riendeau

Eugene Burrows

Corinne Allaire

Brett Lavoie

Rene Lavoie

Dan Duffy

Erica Helm

Kellie Moniz

David Palmer

Patricia McCaffrey

Mary Seymour

Wayne Pierce

Nancy Penney

Randy Young

Darrel Lindh

Andrew Helm

Russell Hall III

Jack Lagasse

Scott Doe

David Hartranft

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Eleventh (11th) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

****1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

****2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To amend Article 1.4.1 Land Requirements by adding the following:

"I. SHORELINE PROTECTION

In order to protect surface waters in the Town of Strafford, the provisions of RSA 483-B:9, incorporated herein by reference, shall be adopted as a local ordinance to govern water bodies not included within the State of NH Shoreland Protection Act. Strafford Shoreline Protection shall include all land within 250 feet of the Isinglass River, Mohawk River, Berry's River, Big River, Little River, Big Willey Pond, Little Willey Pond, Adams Pond, and Wild Goose Pond. Measurements shall be taken from the "reference line" as defined in RSA 483-B:f, XVII. All land already covered by the State of NH Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483-B) shall be regulated by the Act unless otherwise modified by this Section and/or if the area is exempted from the Act per application under RSA 483-B:12"

****3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To amend Article 1.4.2 Land Uses Allowed by adding the following:

"H. TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

1. This ordinance has been adopted in accordance with RSA 676:16 and shall apply in addition to requirements of New Hampshire State Law RSA 12-K. The regulatory provisions and definitions of this statute are hereby incorporated into this ordinance by reference to assist in the review and administration of the deployment of wireless facilities for the Town of Strafford. All submittal options found in RSA 12-K are hereby required as part of the site plan review process for permitting purposes.

Personal Wireless Service Facilities shall be permitted in the Town of Strafford in accordance with the following requirements.

A. Camouflaged mounts may be added to existing buildings and structures through the issuance of a building permit from the Building Inspector upon a finding that the installation presents no increased visual impact on the Town.

B. New ground mounts may be installed if disguised facilities are utilized and are no higher than 20 feet above the average tree canopy height. These facilities shall not be installed anywhere on land within 50 vertical feet of elevation of the summit of Parker Mountain, Evans Mountain, or Mack Mountain.

C. New ground mounted facilities shall be permitted upon the compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and site plan review by the Planning Board."

****4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To amend Article 1.5.1 Special Exceptions (A) by adding the following highlighted section:

"A. No venture shall be permitted which would be detrimental or offensive to the owners of adjoining property or to the Town, or which would tend to reduce property values of other property, or which would cause many hazard to health or safety, or which would prove offensive to the Town because of noise, air or water pollution or depletion of water resources, or which would cause any condition contrary to the rural atmosphere of the community"

**5. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows:

To delete Article 1.4.3 Exceptions to Land Use Requirements and add a new section 1.4.3 as follows:

"1.4.3 CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT

A. Conservation Development is defined as a method of subdivision design that provides for the protection of natural, environmental, and historic land features by permitting variation in lot sized and housing placement. this allows a residential subdivision where dwellings are allowed on reduced lot sizes and a portion of the tract is set aside as conservation area (land to be kept permanently unbuilt upon) to preserve open space, tree cover, scenic vistas, natural drainage ways and outstanding natural topography. Conservation Development helps to prevent adverse impacts to the land by permitting, and encouraging, innovative development according to the natural features of the site; sponsoring the development of a more attractive and economic site design, and increasing the value and quality of the community.

Some specific objectives are:

- a) To conserve areas with productive upland soils for continued agricultural and forestry use by preserving blocks of land enough to allow for economically feasible and ecologically sensitive operations.
- b) To encourage the maintenance and enhancement of habitat for plant and animal communities, including rare species.
- c) To minimize site disturbance and erosion through the retention of existing vegetation and avoiding development in sensitive areas.
- d) To conserve land that protects water quality and quantity, including watersheds and buffers along streams and rivers, wetlands and floodplains, ponds and lakes, and land overlying aquifers.
- e) To protect scenic views and special elements of rural character.
- f) To conserve historic settings, cellar holes, stone walls, archaeological sites, and structures that serve as significant visible reminders of the town's history.
- g) To provide for non-directed recreational needs of the community....

Density: The maximum number of dwelling units shall equal the number of single family dwellings that would be permitted using the conventional zoning requirements. The Planning Board may require a yield showing a conventional subdivision meeting all Town and State requirements in order to determine the maximum number of lots.

The Planning Board may grant a density bonus of 10% for any development which has provided for additional and innovative methods for the protection of views; meadows; water bodies; wetlands; wildlife habitat/pathways; in the creation of central green or common land; or the protection of mature well-stocked forest land..."

**6. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as proposed in the petition as follows:

"To amend Article 1.4.1, Section D, of the Town's Zoning and Land Use Ordinance as follows:

1.4.1D-Minimum Land Area-A lot shall contain not less than three (3) acres of land that is suitable for development (130,680 square feet) with an additional 20,000 square feet of land that is suitable for development for each additional family unit under a common roof, except as set forth in parts (1) and (2) of this subsection."

The Planning Board does not approve of this article.

**7. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of

Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as jproposed in the petition as follows:

"To replace all existing sewage sludge/biosolids regulations previously adopted by the Town of Strafford :

1.3.11 In order to protect the public health, wildlife, and surface and sub-surface groundwater of the Town of Strafford:

1) The stockpiling and landspreading of Class B sewage sludge containing disease causing pathogens (i.e. hepatitis and meningitis), heavy metals, parasites, and hazardous organic chemicals, and the stockpiling and landspreading of industrial papermill sludge containing cyanide dioxins, furans, and other toxic substances, shall not be permitted in the Town of Strafford, New Hampshire.

2) the landspreading of septage originating in the Town of Strafford and the landspreading of Class A sudge is allowed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

3) the reclamation of any gravel pit area shall be limited to clean sludge-free topsoil

4) nothing in this ordinance prohibits the use of bagged Class A sludge or Class A compost materials on residential gardens."

The Planning Board does not approve this article.

****NOTE: ALL ARTICLES EXCEPT NUMBERS 1,2,3,4,5,6, AND 7, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MARCH FIFTEENTH (15th) 2003 AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

8. To hear the report of the Municipal Complex Committee authorized pursuant to Article 14 of the 2001 Town Meeting. Furthermore, to ask that the committee continue to serve until the completion of this project.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250,000. (gross budget) for the site work and construction of a new Municipal Complex, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,050,000. of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon; with the balance of \$200,000. to be raised by general taxation. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for furnishings to be used in the new Municipal Offices.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of microfiching records currently being stored at the Town Office and for equipment to read the microfiche files and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the funds in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000. for capital improvements to the following roads:

- a. Drainage work, widening, gravel and paving of approx. .5 mile of Province Road from the end of the existing pavement. West to the Barnstead Town line.
- b. Drainage work, gravel and paving of Lake Shore Drive, approx. .5 mile in length.
- c. Paving of First Crown Point Road from the Herb Clark property, North west to the Reynolds' property, approx. 1.2 miles.
- d. Paving of Parsons Hill Road from the intersection of Route 126 (a/k/a Parker Mt. Road) to the intersection of Evans Mt. Road.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,000. for the purpose of constructing a Road Maintenance Storage Facility and to authorize the withdrawal of \$55,020., plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund previously created for this purpose. The balance of up to \$5,980. to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$262,679. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000. dollars to be placed in this fund.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for continued technical assistance (i.e. Engineering, DES Coordination, Groundwater Monitoring, Drawings, Reports) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000. from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$122,180. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 150,033. for the purchase of breathing air equipment. This appropriation to be partially funded by a FEMA Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$135,030. with the balance of \$15,003. to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400. to be used for the purchase of major medical equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$8,400. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No

come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000. for the purpose of creating and funding two full-time combination firefighter/ EMT positions (salaries, benefits, medi, workmens comp., participation in NHRP as required, and other associated costs). One of the positions created will be for the hiring of a Chief for the Fire and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen do NOT recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$872,905. for general Town operations.

Executive	\$51,295.
Election & Registration	15,100.
Financial Administration	46,425
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps	26,000.
Legal Expenses	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp	26,800.
Planning and Zoning	5,500.
General Government Building	16,800.
Auto Permits/ Town Clerk Fees	24,600.
Insurance	22,000.
Advertising and Regional Association	2,250.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues	3,421.
Contingency Fund	3,000.
Annual CPA Audit	6,000.
Ambulance	1,000.
Emergency Management	750.
Building Inspection	16,500.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance	263,000.
Street Lighting	3,700.
Solid Waste Disposal	198,965.
Animal Control	5,000.
Health Inspector	400.
Rural District Visiting Nurse	3,626.
General Assistance and Welfare	12,000.
Community Action	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services	992.
My Friend's Place	200.
The Homemakers of Strafford County	576.
Parks and Recreation	17,000.
Library	49,861.
Partiotic Purposes and Fire Works	4,500.
Conservation Commission	750.
Interst Expense & Tax anticipation Notes	2,000.
Debit Service (Landfill Closure)	<u>31,394.</u>
Total	\$872,905

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$872,905., exclusive of all other Articles addressed.]

The Selectmen recommend this article.

23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the use of Johnsonboro Road as a

public way pursuant to RSA 231:43.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

24. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution ot the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire perseve their natural, cultural and historic resources and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

25. "To see if Strafford will vote to allocate 100%of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) to the conservation fund that was established under Article 18 of the 1999 town meeting in accordance with RSA 36-A:5III. The conserva-tion commission recommends this article." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen do NOT recommend this article.

26. "The undersigned residents of Strafford hereby request that Back Canaan Road from Canaan Road to the Barrington town line be designated a Scenic Road in accordance with RSA 231:157. The purpose is to encourage the preservation of the rural and historic nature of this byway. All abutters along the road have been notified of the petition to designate the road as a Scenic Road." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

27. "To see if the town will vote to accept Shiere Way as a public road. Shiere Way is a newly paved road in excellent condition with proper drainage, located off of Ricky Nelson road. Shiere Way gives access to three families and one lot. The road is approximately 1 tenth of a mile long and is constructed to town specifications and is approved by the road agent." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

28. "Please accept this as a petition for acceptance of the following road as a town road, and to see if the Town of Strafford will vote to accept as a public road:

BERNARD ROAD - off Route 202A

Bernard Road currently has seven (7) accessible lots, three (3) of which have new homes under constuction, all of which are sold.

This road was constructed in compliance with all current regulations as stipulated by the Town of Strafford and its Planning Board, and is approximately 700' in length." (by Petition.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

29. "Please accept this as a petition for acceptance of the following road as a town road, and to see if the Town of Strafford will vote to accept as a public road:

PINEWOOD DRIVE - off Whig Hill Road

Pinewood Drive currently has five (5) accessible lots, three (3) of which have newly occupied homes and one (1) under construction.

This road was constructed in compliance with all current regulations as stipulated by the Town of Strafford and its Planning Board, and is approximately 600' in length." (by Petition)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

30. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Three.

Lester Huckins
Gloria Creamer
JoAnn Brown
Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest
Lester Huckins
Gloria Creamer
JoAnn Brown

REPORT FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town and School District Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. Please note that Articles 1 through 7 on the Town Warrant will be voted on by ballot at this time. The remaining articles will be presented for consideration on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at 8:30 A.M.

This past year has brought many improvements to the Town including a new Police Department building, the Landfill Closure project that is nearly completed, a new centralized Post Office and, finally, the "E-911" numbering system. Thank you for your cooperation and patience through all of these endeavors.

Our existing Town Office was built in 1983 (20 years ago) to provide services for a population of 1,835. Our current population has almost doubled, to 3,626 (per 2000 census). Our Town's population and demand for services, financial operations, reporting requirements, need for storage space and staff have grown. Our available office space has not.

The Municipal Complex Committee has studied the needs of the Municipal Offices and the Fire and Rescue Squad and are recommending a building to house both. They have included a report of the committee in the Annual Town Report.

We are seeking your support on Article 9, requesting \$1,250,000. for site work and construction of a new Municipal Complex. Our plan is to raise \$200,000. through general taxation (like we did for the Police Department last year) and to bond for a 10 year period.

With the knowledge that we would be requesting a building, and in an effort in impact the Town's portion of the tax rate as little as possible, we are recommending a budget as close to level funding as possible. We do not feel that we can recommend Article 21 requesting \$110,000. to fund 2 full-time firefighter/EMT positions at this time.

We will not be supporting Article 25, requesting that the Town vote to allocate 100% of revenues collected from the land use change tax to the conservation fund for purchase of lands, rights and costs. The monies collected from the land use change tax have always been used to help offset your tax rate. Our intent is to continue this practice.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who serve on our various Boards, Commissions, Committees and the Fire and Rescue Squad. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Respectfully,
Lester E. Huckins, Chairman
Gloria G. Creamer, Selectman
JoAnn Brown, Selectman

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	War. Art.	Appropriations Prior Year as appv. by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (recomm.)
4130-39 Executive	22	48,255.	48,172.	51,295.
4140-49 Elect. Reg. & Vital Stat. Auto Permits & Town Clerk Fees 22		38,000	38,498	39,700**
4150-51 Fin. Ad. CPA Audit	22	52,425	50,944	52,425
4152 Reval. of Property & Tax Maps	22	26,000	19,911	26,000
4153 Legal Expense	22	10,000	5,192	10,000
4155-59 FICA, Medi, Unemp. Comp	22	26,800	21,879	26,800
4191-93 Planning & Zoning	22	5,000	5,125	5,500
4194 Gen. Gov. Bldg.	22	19,560	18,805	16,800
4196 Insurance	22	23,550	15,842	22,000
4197 Adver. & Reg. Assoc & SRPC	22	5,125	5,139	5,671
4199 Contingency	22	3,000	1,149	3,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210-14 Police	14	234,695	233,372	262,679
4215-19 Ambulance	22	1,000	0	1,000
4220-29 Fire & Rescue	17	113,661	85,331	122,180
4240-49 Building Inspection	22	16,500	8,345	16,500**
4290-98 Emergency Mgt.	22	750	0	750
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
4311 Gen. Hwy. & Twn. Mnt.	22	263,000	262,546	263,000
4316 Street Lighting	22	3,700	2,263	3,700
SANITATION				
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	22	184,046	200,911	198,965
HEALTH				
4411 Health Officer	22	400	0	400
4414 Animal Control	22	5,000	2,665	5,000
4415-19 Rural Distr. Vst. Nurse	22	4,118	4,118	3,626
WELFARE				
4441-42 Admin. & Dir. Asst.	22	10,000	10,436	12,000
4445-49 Comm. Actn., My Friends Pl. & Sexual Asstt.Support, Homemakers Str. Cty	22	3,268	3,268	3,268
CULTURE & RECREATION				
4520-29 Parks & Recreation	22	17,000	15,419	17,000
4550-59 Library	22	39,578	38,979	49,861
4583 Patriotic Purposes	22	4,500	4,382	4,500
CONSERVATION				
4611-12 Cons. Comm	22	750	750	750
4619 Groundwater Study		2,400	2,400	0
DEBT SERVICE				
Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	22	0	0	18,439
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	22			12,955
Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	22	2,000	0	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Land	12	175,001	175,001	170,000
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment ,10,18,19,20		98,455	93,539	194,963
Building s	13	199,484	199,484	61,000**
Improvements Other than Blds	16	440,000	435,353	15,000**
OTHER TRANSFERS OUT				
To Capital Reserve Fund	15	10,000	10,000	17,000
SUBTOTAL 1		2,087,021	2,019,218	1,715,727

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct.#	Warr.Art.#	Amount
4902	10	20,000	4915	11	5,000
4902	18	150,033**	4915	15	12,000
4902	19	8,400**			
4902	20	16,530**			

** See revenues for partial offsets to these appropriations

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr Art.	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. (Recom)	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Yr. (Not Recom)
4903 Municipal & Safety Complex **	9	1,250,000	0

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4220 2 Full time positions Firefighter/EMT	21	0	110,000
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SOURCE OF REVENUE		Est. Rev. Prior Yr.	Actual Rev. Prior Yr.	Est. Revenue Ensuing Yr.
TAXES				
3120 Land Use Change Taxes		50,000	74,925	50,000
3185 Timber Taxes		16,544	16,966	19,500
3190 Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		55,000	54,397	55,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3220 M/V Permit Fees		490,000	540,053	500,000
3230 Building Permits	22	12,000	13,102	12,000**
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22	21,000	23,208	23,000**
3311-319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	18	1,718	1,718	135,030**
FEMA Fire Act Grant.				
FROM STATE				
3351 Shared Revenue		16,492	33,658	16,492
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		105,835	105,835	100,000
3353 Highway Block Grant		95,261	95,261	101,589
3359 Hwy Enforcement/COPS FAST**		22,764	22,764	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-06 Income from Departments		14,000	13,577	13,000
3409 Planning Bd/Bd of Adj.		5,000	6,818	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3503-09 Ins. Adj/Retunds/Reimb/Fines		0	1,420	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912 From Special Revenue Funds	19,20	32,000	31,503	24,930**
3915 From Capital Reserve Funds	13,15	32,056	32,056	70,020**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	9	410,000	410,000	1,050,000**
Fund Bal. ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		1,543,670	1,645,114	2,343,561

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	2,087,021	1,715,727
SUBTOTAL 2 SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		1,250,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "INDIVIDUAL" WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	2,087,021	2,965,727
LESS: AMOUNT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS	1,543,670	2,343,561
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED	543,351	622,166

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

REVENUES	Acct Number	Amount
Property Taxes	3110	6,241,866
Taxes assessed for school districts \$5,110,005		
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	77,825
Timber Taxes	3185	18,828
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	<u>68,020</u>
TOTAL		6,406,539
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3220	540,053
Building Permits	3230	13,102
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	3290	<u>25,183</u>
TOTAL		578,338
REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Shared Revenue Block Grant	3351	139,493
Highway block grant	3353	95,261
Other State Grants and reimbursements	3359	<u>119</u>
TOTAL		<u>234,873</u>
REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
Income from Departments	3401	18,221
Garbage-refuse Charges	3404	<u>1,527</u>
TOTAL		19,748
REVENUE FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES		
Interest on investments	3502	17,853
Other miscellaneous sources	3509	<u>25,784</u>
TOTAL		43,637
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
Transfers from Capital Reserve Fund	3915	31,804
Transfers from Capital reserve fund	3915	<u>32,057</u>
TOTAL		63,861
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		7,346,996
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>580,083</u>
GRAND TOTAL		7,927,079

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Acct Number	Amount
Executive	4130	48,172
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	4140	38,498
Financial Administration	4150	50,944
Revaluation of Property	4152	19,911
Legal Expense	4153	5,192
Personnel Administration	4155	21,879
Planning and zoning	4191	5,063
General Government Building	4194	18,511
Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	15,842
Advertising and Regional Association	4197	5,139
TOTAL		<u>229,151</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police	4210	232,707
Fire	4220	84,539
Building Inspection	4240	8,345
Other public safety	4299	301
TOTAL		<u>325,892</u>
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		
Administration	4311	152,523
Highway and streets	4312	262,547
Street lighting	4316	<u>2,263</u>
TOTAL		417,333
SANITATION		
Solid Waste Disposal	4323	<u>185,965</u>
TOTAL		185,965
HEALTH		
Pest control	4414	2,665
Health agencies and hospitals	4415	<u>4,118</u>
TOTAL		6,783
WELFARE		
Direct Assistance	4442	10,436
Vendor payments	4445	<u>3,268</u>
TOTAL		13,704
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks and Recreation	4520	15,419
Library	4550	38,979
Patriotic Purposes	4583	<u>4,382</u>
TOTAL		<u>58,780</u>
CONSERVATION		
Administration	4611	<u>750</u>
TOTAL		750
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Land & Improvements	4901	79,327
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	97,361
Buildings	4903	191,944

Improvements other than buildings	4909	<u>62</u>
TOTAL		368,694
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	4915	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL		10,000
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Taxes assessed for county	4931	575,591
Taxes assessed for school districts	4933	5,110,005
Payments to other governments	4939	<u>3,184</u>
TOTAL		5,688,780
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>7,305,832</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>621,248</u>
GRAND TOTAL		7,927,080
ASSETS		
Acct No.	Beg. of Yr.	End of Yr.
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	1010	1,326,070
Investments	1030	549,703
Taxes receivable	1080	467,328
Tax liens receivable	1110	145,178
Accounts receivable	1150	3,187
Due from other funds	1310	27,308
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,488,279</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	2020	26,622
Due to school districts	2075	1,881,574
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,908,196</u>
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for encumbrances	2440	45,864
Unreserved fund balance	2530	534,219
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>580,083</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		<u>2,488,279</u>
LONG-TERM DEBIT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS		
Amt. to be provided for the retirement		
of long-term debt	1820	371,058
Other long-term liabilities	2390	371,058
TOTAL		<u>73,936</u>
RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY		
School district liability at beginning of year		1,881,574
ADD: School district assessment for current year		<u>5,110,005</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR		6,991,579
SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district		<u>4,467,569</u>
School district liability at end of year		2,524,010

DETAILED EXPLANATION

WA	Acct#	Description	Yr. Voted	Amount
0	2440	Audit	2002	6,000
8	2440	Municipal Facilities Eng	2002	3,851
9	2440	Municipal Facilities Building	2002	8,500
0	2440	Contingency	2002	1,149
0	2440	Road Improvements	2002	<u>17,477</u>
		TOTAL RESERVES		<u>36,977</u>

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Capital Projects	Special Revenue
REVENUE BY SOURCE		
Revenue from charges for services - other		28,573
Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
Interest on investments		332
Other miscellaneous sources		<u>17,321</u>
Other financial sources	<u>235,026</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	<u>235,026</u>	<u>46,226</u>

EXPENDITURES

Public safety		1,981
Culture and recreation		16,579
Capital outlay	<u>336,064</u>	
Interfund operating transfers out		<u>31,503</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>336,064</u>	<u>50,063</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash and equivalents	9,381
Investments	53,100
Accounts Receivable	<u>9,584</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>72,065</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Warrants and accounts payable	93,730
Due to other funds	<u>7,308</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>101,038</u>

FUND EQUITY/CAPITAL

Reserve for special purposes	73,936	
Unreserved fund balance	(174,974)	72,065
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>(101,038)</u>	<u>72,065</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		<u>72,065</u>

SALARIES AND WAGES 342,691

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE YEAR 2002**

Purposes of Appropriations	For Use by Town
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	48,255
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics, Auto Permit	38,000
Financial Administration, CPA Audit	52,425
Revaluation of Property, Tax Maps	26,000
Legal Expense	10,000
Personal Administration, FICA, MEDI, Unemp. Comp	22,800
Planning & Zoning	5,000
General Government Buildings	19,560
Insurance	22,000
Advertising & Regional Assoc., SRPC	5,125
Other General Government Contingency	3,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	234,695
Ambulance	1,000
Fire	69,211
Building Inspection	16,500
Emergency Management	750
Fire & Escue Call Pay	50,000
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	
Administration, Gen. Hwy. & Town Maintenance	263,000
Street Lighting	3,700
SANITATION	
Solid Waste Collection	184,046
HEALTH	
Administration Health Officer	400
Pest Control - Animal Control	5,000
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,118
WELFARE	
Administration & Direct Assistance	10,000
Community Action, My Friend's Place, Sexual Assault Support	3,268
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Parks & Recreation	17,000
Library	39,578
Patriotic Purposes	4,500
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	750
Groundwater Study	2,400
DEBT SERVICE	
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000

Purposes of Appropriations	For Use by Town
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land	175,001
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	98,455
Buildings	199,484
Improvements other than Buildings	440,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	2,087,021
REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES	For Use by Town
TAXES	
Land Use Change Taxes	50,000
Timber Tax	16,544
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	55,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	490,000
Building Permits	12,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	21,000
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT Storm Reimb.	1,718
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenues	16,492
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	105,835
Highway Block Grant	95,261
Highway Enforc/COPS FAST	22,764
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
Income from Departments	14,000
Planning Board/Board of Adjustment	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Interest on Investments	14,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
Special Revenue Funds	32,000
Capital Reserve Funds	32,056
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Proc. form Long Term Bonds & Notes	410,000
Unreserved Fund Balance	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDIT	1,543,670
REQUESTED OVERLAY \$30,000	

**2002 TAX RATE CALCULATION
TOWN/CITY OF: STRAFFORD**

Appropriations	2,087,021
Less: Revenues	-1,543,670
Less: Shared Revenues	-12,195
Add: Overlay	29,960
War Service Credits	<u>9,400</u>
Net Town Appropriation	570,516
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	570,516
Municipal Tax Rate	2.97

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	7,060,085
Less: Adequate Education Grant	-1,950,080
Less: State Education Taxes	-1,306,009
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	3,803,996
Local Education Tax Rate	19.84

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	5.80
225,173,985	1,306,009
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	6.93
188,474,957	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted To State	0

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	575,591
Less: Shared Revenues	-5,167
Approved County Tax Effort	570,424
County Tax Rate	<u>2.98</u>
Combined Tax Rate	32.72
Total Property Taxes Assessed	6,250,945
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(9,400)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment(s)	6,241,545

PROOF OF RATE

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	188,474,957	6.93	1,306,009
All Other Taxes	191,733,757	25.79	<u>4,944,936</u>
			6,250,945

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2002

Item	Acres	2002 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only	21,303.69	912,807
Residential	6,941.38	68,170,300
Commercial/Industrial	8.650	144,600
Total of Taxable Land	28,253.67	69,227,707
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$2,282,600)	2,395.66	
Value of Buildings Only Residential		118,376,400
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		521,900
Commercial/Industrial		580,900
Total of Taxable Buildings		119,479,200
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable buildings (\$4,140,200)		
Public Utilities - Public Serv. of NH, No. Country Water Supply		3,258,800
Public Utilities - City of Rochester (municipal)		9,300
Valuation Before Exemptions		<u>191,975,007</u>
12 Elderly Exemption		-211,250
2 Disabled Exemption (\$15,000)		<u>-30,000</u>
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		191,733,757
Less Public Utilities		<u>-3,258,800</u>
Net Valuation without Utilities on which tax rate for State education tax is computed		188,474,957

TAX CREDITS

	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credit
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	700	2	1,400
Other War Service Credits 160(50.)		<u>160</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		162	9,400

UTILITY SUMMARY

Public Service Company of NH	3,225,600
Water Company - North Country Water Supply	<u>33,200</u>
Total	3,258,800
 City of Rochester - Municipal	 9,300

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT

Number of Applicants with INITIAL APPLICATION for Elderly Exemption for Current Year			Total Number of Individuals GRANTED an Elderly Exemption for the current Year			
Age	#	Amount	Age	#	Amount	Total
65-74	2	15,000	65-74	6	90,000	82,500
75-79			75-79	3	60,000	60,000
80+	1	25,000	80+	<u>3</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>68,750</u>
			TOTAL	11	225,000	211,250

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	Total # of acres receiving current use	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	550.09	\$35,200
Forest Land	19,686.77	834, 807
Wet Land	<u>1,066.83</u>	<u>42,800</u>
Total	21,303.69	912,807
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment		4,238.35
Removed from current use during current year		72.41
# of owners granted current use		338
# of Parcels in current use		564

TOWN OFFICERS'S SALARIES

Lester Huckins	\$2,174.97
Gloria Creamer	2,174.97
JoAnn Brown	2,174.97
Bertha Huckins	3,475.02
Nancy Goedker	**2,000.04
Judith Dupre	14,124.99
M. Justine Leighton	175.00
William G. Lord	75.00

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Town Clerk's Fees	** 24,106.00
Auto Permits	\$8,028.00
Vital Statistics	166.00
Municipal Agent Fees	11,300.00
M/V Title	1,910.00
Marriage License	168.00
UCC/IRS Filings	1,540.00
Wetland Perm/Pole License	160.00
Articles of Agreement	6.00
Animal Control Fees	828,00.00
Administrative Assistant	41,572.32
Deputy Tax Collector	1,002.51
Deputy Town Clerk	3,080.13
Clerical	10,975.00
Office Supplies	2,234.70
Postage	3,713.64
Printing	4,009.43
Conferences/Training	839.00
Reference Materials	386.78
Deed Research/Tax Lien	660.40
Recording Fees	827.00
Sponsor March Calendar	50.00
Cleaning and Supplies	689.95

TOWNTREASURER'S REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2002

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 2002	\$1,875,773.10	
Receipts	<u>\$7,341,040.66</u>	
Total Receipts		\$9,216,813.76

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures 2002	\$6,917,423.55	
Balance Check Book, Dec. 31, 2001	84,390.21	
Balance Investment Account	<u>2,199,400.95</u>	
Transferred to Solid Waste Retainage Acct	<u>15,599.05</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$9,216,813.76

N.H. Deposit Investment Pool		\$2,199,400.95
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Strafford Con. Com. Easement Fund		\$16,120.82
(Acct# NH 01-0030-0001 Balance January 1, 2002)		
Interest Earned 2002		<u>241.53</u>
Total		\$16,362.35

Town of Strafford Ambulance Acct. #NH 01-0030-0003

Balance January 1, 2002	\$37,964.12	
May 10, 2002 Withdraw for Ambulance	20,000.00	
May 16, 2002 Withdraw for Defibrillator	10,695.05	
July 10, 2002 Withdraw for Defibrillator	695.00	
July 10, 2002 Withdraw for United Healthcare Overpay	113.37	
Deposit for 2002	25,730.42	
Interest Earned for 2002	<u>437.91</u>	
Total Balance		\$32,629.03

Cons. Comm. Acct. #NH 01-0030-0004

Balance January 1, 2002	\$3,883.45	
Interest Earned	58.07	
Transferred to General Fund	<u>300.00</u>	
Total		\$3,641.52

Cons. Comm. Neil Mooers Memorial

Account #NH 01-0030-0002	\$1,581.88	
Balance January 1, 2002	23.55	
Total Balance December 31, 2002		\$1,605.43

Solid Waste Retainage Acct# NH 01-0030-0005

Deposit November 7, 2002	\$4,398.23	
Deposit December 9, 2002	11,200.82	
Interest Earned 2002	13.95	
Total Balance December 31, 2002		\$15,613.00

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Strafford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford as of and for the year ended December 32, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Strafford management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Strafford as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Strafford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C., CPA'S
Laconia, New Hampshire
January 30, 2002

TOWN MEETING - MARCH 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at the Strafford Elementary School in the Town of Strafford, by Moderator William Lord to act on Article one, two and three of the 2002 Town Warrant by ballot vote.

The ballots were cast and the meeting recessed at 7 p.m. for the purpose of tallying the votes. The meeting was called to order again at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday March 16, 2002 at the Strafford Elementary School by Moderator pro-tem Mark Thompson to act on Articles four through twenty-six.

At this point the Moderator went over the rules of the meeting and asked all unregistered voters to declare themselves by a show of hands. He asked that all questions and comments be directed to the moderator and as each article is introduced and seconded the proponents of each article be allowed to address the article before discussion begins. He also asked that any amendments to any articles be submitted in writing.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Voters on the checklist	2,058
Votes cast	406
Selectman - Three years	
JoAnn Brown.....	348
Road Agent - One year	
Greg Messenger	376
Library Trustee - Three years	
Harmony Anderson	157
Trustee of the Trust Funds - Three years	
William Marks.....	332
Supervisor of the Checklist - Six years	
Marilyn Roderick	375
Moderator - Two years	
William Lord	58

Article 2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed in the petition as follows:

To amend Article 1.4.1, Section D, of the Town's Zoning and Land Use Ordinance: 'Land Requirements-Minimum Land Area' to read: 'A lot shall contain not less than 3 acres of land which is suitable for development (130,680 square feet) with an additional 20,000 square feet of land which is suitable for development for each additional family unit under a common roof, except as set forth in parts (1) and (2) of this subsection.'"
The Planning Board does not approve of this article.

Yes - 175

No - 221

Article 3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of revisions to Article 4.4 Floodplain Development Regulations in the Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board:

Revision of these regulations is required for continued eligibility and approval in the National Flood Insurance Program. These amendments would update and amend our Regulations to conform to our current maps showing both unnumbered "A" zones and numbered lettered "A" zones."

The Planning Board does approve of this article.

Yes - 324

No - 61

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$485,000. for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications and for the construction of the closure of the Strafford Land fill that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed \$485,000. under and in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Strafford, additional to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. Any income derived from temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall be returned to the General Fund. (2/3 Ballot vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. JoAnn Brown, Selectmen, addressed this article and ask that this article be amended to read, "To see if the Town will vote and raise and appropriate the sum of \$410,000. for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications and for the construction of the closure of the Strafford Landfill that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and notes not to exceed \$410,000. under and in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Strafford, additional to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. Any income derived from temporary investment of the bond proceeds shall be returned to the General Fund" (2/3 Ballot vote required)

Amendment was put to a vote, vote carried. JoAnn Brown introduced Robert Grillo, Project Manager CMA Engineers Inc. Mr. Grillo discussed the reasons behind this article and what the funds will be used for. After a short discussion the article as amended was put to a ballot vote. Polls were left open for 1 hour.

Yes - 164

No - 8

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000. for capital improvements to the following roads;

- a. Reconstruction, drainage work and paving of approx. .3 mile of the Canaan Road from the intersection of Route 202A to the intersection of the Back Canaan Road.
- b. Widening, gravel, drainage work and paving of approx. .4 mile of Garland Road from the intersection of the Canaan Road to the property of Michael Harrington.
- c. Paving of Terri Court off the Canaan Road.
- d. Widening, gravel, drainage work and paving of approx. .5 mile of Province Road West from the end of existing pavement in a westerly direction.
- e. Widening, gravel, drainage work and paving of approx. .4 mile of 1st Crown Point Road from the end of existing pavement to the intersection of the Niagara Road.

The Seclectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Lester Huckins, Selectman, addressed this article. After a short discussion article was put to vote. Vote carried.

Article 6. To see the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of constructing a Road Maintenance

Storage Facility.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Lester Huckings, Selectman, addressed this article. After a short discussion article was put ot a vote. Vote carried.

Article 7. To hear the report of the Municipal and Safety Complex Committee authorized to develop design and cost of a facility pursuant to Article 14 of the 2001 Town Meeting. Futhermore, to ask that the committee continue to serve for the ensuring year.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Carl Schroeder, member of the Municipal and Safety Complex Committee addressed this article. He introduced each of the committee members, George Kitz, Glenn Foss, Mary Moores, Lester Huckins, Scott Young and Loren Pierce. He than read the Building Committee report and explained their findings. After a short discussion, George Kitz also addressed this article. He addressed the concerns for the response times of the Fire Department. After a long discussion a motion was made to move the question, a second was heard, the question was moved. Article put to a vote, vote carried.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to rasie and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for continued architectural and engineering services and costs associated with development of design and cost of the Municipal and Safety Complex.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Lester Huckings, Selectman, addressed this article. After a long discussion a motion was made to move the question, did not pass. After further discussion question was moved and put ot a vote. Vote Carried.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,484. for site work, removal of existing building, purchase and placement of a manufactured building to house the Police Department and improvements to the existing garage (to create access to the new building).

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Scott Young, Police Chief, addressed this article. After a discussion the question was moved and voted on. The vote carried.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept from the Strafford School District by Quitclaim Deed, all rights, title and interest to the modular unit and land surrounding the modular unit, garage, parking area and driveway as described in the deed, currently located on the former Messenger Property situated adjacent to the Strafford School, with the provisions that the said property shall revert to the School District for the sum of \$1.00 in the event that the Town has no further use for this property, that the School District retains a right-of-way across the driveway to school property and the conveyance to be under such further terms and conditions as the School Board shall determine are in the best interest of the School District and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for this purpose.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Short discussion, article voted on, vote carried.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,211. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Loren Pierce, Fire Chief, addressed this article. After a short discussion the question was moved. Article put to a vote, vote carried.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,455. for the purchase of six (6) sets of gear, six (6) Cairns 660 helmets w/full face shield, six (6) pairs gloves, six (6) nomex hoods, one (1) 5,000 watt generator, tools, (screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.), computer w/printer and software, copier, five (5) new motorola pages, thirty (30) leather pager cases, one (1) Kenwood radio and two (2) biolet toilets.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. No discussion. Vote was affirmative.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000. to be used for the purchase of a defibrillator and to authorize the withdrawal of \$12,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Loren Pierce, Fire Chief, addressed this article. Short discussion, vote carried.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing to own a new ambulance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to be used for the first year's payment for that purpose. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Loren Pierce, Fire Chief, addressed this article. Lester Huckins explained why the Selectmen did not recommend this article. The total cost of the ambulance plus interest is \$102,650. After a long discussion the question was moved and put to a vote. The vote carried.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. for the construction of two drilled wells (one at the Bow Lake Fire Station and one at the Crown Point Fire Station locations).

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Loren Pierce, Fire Chief, addressed this article. After a short discussion the article was put to a vote. Vote carried.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000. for the purpose of paying firefighters and EMT's on an on call basis. the amount requested for wages is \$44,450. with the balance of \$5,550. for associated costs (fica, medi and workmen's comp.)

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Loren Pierce, Fire Chief, addressed this article. After a short discussion question moved and put to a vote. Vote carried.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$234,695. for the operation and maintenance of the Police Department.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Scott Young, Police Chief, addressed this article. No discussion. Vote was affirmative.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000. for the purchase of a new police vehicle and equipment, and authorize the withdrawal of \$12,000., plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The balance to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Scott Young, Police Chief, addressed this article. No discussion. Vote was affirmative.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,700. for continued technical assistance (i.e. Engineering, DES Coordination, Groundwater Monitoring, Drawings, Reports) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$57,531., plus interest from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The balance to come from general taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. JoAnn Brown, Selectmen, addressed this article. She asked that this article be amended to read, "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for continued technical assistance (i.e. Engineering, DES Coordination, Groundwater Monitoring, Drawings, Reports) and other costs associated with Transfer Station/Landfill Compliance with State require

ments, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000. from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. This is intended as a continuation of the study pursuant to Article 13 voted at the 2001 Town Meeting". A second was heard to the amendment. Amendment was voted on and carried.

JoAnn further stated that this work is a continuation of the project we have been working on for the past two years with CMA Engineering to meet the States's requirements at the Recycling Center/ Transfer Station.

After further discussion the question was moved and voted on. Vote carried as amended.

Article 20. To hear the report of the Recycling Committee formed pursuant to Article 18 of the 2001 Town Meeting ("Purpose: Reduce the Town's waste disposal costs with a minimum impact to the residents.") and to ask that the members continue to serve for the ensuing year.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. JoAnn Brown, Selectmen, addressed this article. She explained what this committee has been doing. After a short discussion article voted on. Vote carried.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the purchase of appraisal software, support and equipment.

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motin made and seconded. Gloria Creamer, Selectman, addressed this article. She stated, "the State has a number of new requirements for property appraisal associated with the "State-wide Property Tax" and this is a necessary tool in meeting these requirements. this equipment will be used to improve and maintain better quality control of data and address current turn-around time problems associated with the method currently being used". Short discussion, vote carried.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400. to serve as required local match for a regional groundwater study to be undertaken by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). This study "Sustainability of Groundwater Resources in the Seacoast Region of New Hampshire". encompasses 42 communities in southeastern New Hampshire and will investigate the supply of ground water availablae in the Region.

The Selectmen and Conservation Commission recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. JoAnn Brown, Selectman, addressed this article. She stated, "we are asking for support to fund Strafford's share of a 1.4 million, 3 year regional groundwater study, which will look at ground water, surface water/recharge, and water usage patterns". Harmony Anderson also addressed this article. No discussion. Vote was affirmative.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$807,775. for general Town operations.

Executive	\$48,255.
Election & Registration	15,100.
Financial Administration	46,425.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps	26,000.
Legal Expenses	10,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp	22,800.
Planning and Zoning	5,000.
General Government Building	19,560.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees	22,900.
Insurance	22,000.
Advertising and Regional Association	2,220.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues	2,905.
Contingency Fund	3,000.
Annual CPA Audit	6,000.
Ambulance	1,000.
Emergency Management	750.
Building Inspection	16,500.
General Highway Expenses & Town Maintenance	263,000.
Street Lighting	3,700.

Solid Waste Disposal	184,046.
Animal Control	5,000.
Health Inspector	400.
Rural District Visiting Nurse	4,118.
General Assistance and Welfare	10,000
Community Action	1,500.
Sexual Assault Support Services	992.
My Friend's Place	200.
The Homemakers of Strafford County	576.
Parks and Recreation	17,000.
Library	39,578.
Patriotic Purposes and Fire Works	4,500.
Conservation Commission	750.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000

TOTAL \$807,775.

[The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$807,775. exclusive of all other Articles addressed]

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. This article was addressed by each of the Selectmen. After a short discussion the question was moved and voted on. Vote carried.

Article 24. "We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Strafford, petition to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the widening, gravel and drainage work associated with paving of the length of Lake Shore Drive (approximately 0.5 miles)." (by Petition)

The Selectmen do not recommend article.

Motion made and seconded. Rich Kelly, Petitioner, addressed this article. A question was asked why the selectmen did not approve of the article. It was stated that this petition was received after the Selectmen had already discussed with the Road Agent on which roads would be funded for improvement for this year. After a short discussion question moved. Vote did not carry.

Article 25. Are you in favor of adopting the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which allows, until specific rescission of the authority, the Selectmen to acquire or sell, Town of Strafford owned land, buildings, or both, after recommendation of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and after 2 public hearings thereon.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion made and seconded. Lester Huckins, Selectmen, addressed this article. After a brief discussion question was moved. Vote did not carry.

Article 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

At this time Fire Chief Loren Pierce thanked everyone for their support.

Eric Rowe asked for a reconsideration of Article 13. No second heard, reconsideration was not considered.

Carl Schroeder made the comment that paving roads takes from Strafford being a rural community and requested a meeting with the Road Agent about keeping certain roads as "scenic roads".

Bruce Patrick ask as a School Board member to be part of the Municipal and Safety Complex Committee. He was appointed by the Moderator as a new member.

The Moderator requested all elected officials in uncontested races to come forward and be sworn in to office after adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was heard, a second received and the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

JoAnn Brown, Greg Messenger, William Marks, Marilyn Roderick came forward and were sworn in.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Goedker
Strafford Town Clerk
Strafford NH 03884

A True Copy of Record, Attest:
Nancy Goedker
Strafford Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2002

The Town Clerk's office will be closed for holidays on the following days in the year 2003: February 17, April 9-19 (Town Clerk Training), May 26, September 1, October 13, November 11, November 27, December 24. The office will also be closed on Town Election Day, March 11, 2003. The polls are open from 8:00 AM through 7:00 PM. Town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at 8:30 A.M. Elections and Town Meeting are held at the Strafford Elementary School Gymnasium.

REGISTRATION RENEWALS BY MAIL. This continues to be a great success. You're encouraged to take advantage of this convenient option. It saves a trip to the Town Office and saves time in line!

DOGS MUST BE LICENSED BY APRIL 30TH EVERY YEAR. This is a state law. Beginning June 1st there is a \$1.00 per month late fee added to the cost. We will be issuing notices to the Strafford Police Department for unlicensed dogs and you will receive a visit from a police officer along with a civil forfeiture fine of \$25.00 if your dog is not licensed. Please notify us if you no longer own any dogs so they can be removed from our records. A dog license is \$9.00; \$6.50 if the dog is neutered or spayed; and \$2.00 for the first dog licensed by a person over 65 (additional dogs are the regular price.) We also offer a kennel license for five or more dogs licensed at the same time. A kennel license is \$20.00. We do receive copies of rabies certificates from most vets. But, it is a good idea to bring your copy with you. If you would care to license your dog by mail, send in your rabies certificate and a check made out to the Strafford Town Clerk along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

We licensed 828 dogs this past year. However, there are still many unlicensed dogs out there. Licensing helps insure that all dogs are vaccinated for rabies and identifies your dog if he/she is lost. The police department and the clerk's office spend a lot of time, effort and money to track down unlicensed dogs. **PLEASE LICENSE YOUR DOG!**

The Town Clerks office hours are:

Monday - 9:00 to 1:00 and 4:00 to 7:00;

Tuesday - 9:00 to 2:30;

Wednesday - 9:00 to 2:30;

Thursday - 9:00 to 12:00

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy J. Goedker
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
for the Fiscal year Ending December 31, 2002

RECEIPTS:

2002 Motor Vehicle Permits	540,053.00
2002 Dog Licenses	5,538.00
2002 Marriage Licenses	1,080.00
2002 Filing Fees	9.00
2002 Returned Check Fees	200.00
2002 Dog Control Fees	800.00
2002 Vital Statistic Copies	488.00
2002 Municipal Agent Fees	11,300.00
2002 Title Fees	1,910.00
2002 Wetlands Applications	60.00
2002 Pole Applications	100.00
2002 UCC/IRS Filings	1,540.00
2002 Postage	392.94
2002 Articles of Agreement	20.00
TOTAL REVENUES ACCEPTED	\$563,490.94

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

5,352	Motor Vehicle Permits	540,053.00
828	Dog Licenses	5,538.00
24	Marriage Licenses	1,080.00
6	Filings	9.00
10	Returned Checks	200.00
	Dog Penalties	475.00
6	Dog Fines	325.00
44	Vital Statistic Copies	488.00
4,520	Municipal Agent Fees	11,300.00
955	Title Fees	1,910.00
6	Wetland Applications	60.00
7	Pole Application	100.00
	UCC/IRS Filings	1,540.00
	Postage	392.94
4	Articles of Agreement	20.00
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER		\$563,490.94

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2002

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Tax Collector in the Town of Strafford for the past five years. As Tax Collector I am responsible for collecting revenue from Property Taxes; Yield Taxes and Current Use Change Taxes, as well as responding to inquiries from banks, mortgage companies, attorney's offices and the general public in a courteous and timely manner.

This year has been a challenge as some of you know, because taxes that were assumed paid were found to be outstanding. Homeowners who escrow their Property Taxes through their mortgage companies are now aware that upon the due date, you should always check to be sure that your property taxes are indeed paid. Mortgage companies send the tax payments to a Real Estate Tax Service who gathers the information needed for my office to correctly record these tax payments. If there is a mistake on any of these checks (large amounts, to cover a number of Tax Payers taxes) then the whole check has to be returned. If your taxes were among those to be paid with this check then your taxes are not paid until the corrected check is returned to this office. The checks are sent to the Real Estate Tax Service, as this is the only address that is given, and it usually takes awhile for this to be taken care of. The end result being that the homeowner, who is unaware that their taxes are unpaid, receives a letter from my office informing them that a Tax Lien is soon to be placed on their property. The solution to this problem is to always check with my office, to make certain your taxes have been received and recorded.

Strafford's School Budget for 2002 is \$7,060,085.00 (Gross Approp.-Revenue). The State has calculated that the cost of an Adequate Education in Strafford is \$3,803,996.00. The State Property Tax will raise \$1,306,009.00. We will receive an Adequate Education Grant for \$1,950,080.00. This leaves \$3,803,996.00 to be raised by our Local School Tax. That sets the school tax rate at \$19.84 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. (Increase of \$3.21).

Strafford's Town Tax rate is \$2.97 (increase of \$.89), County Tax is \$2.98 (an increase of \$.13). Our Total Tax Rate for the year is \$32.72, an overall increase of \$4.30 from last year.

The total Property Tax Warrants this year were \$6,245,181.86. Warrants for Current Use Change Tax totaled \$77,825 (8% decrease). The total Timber or Yield Tax Warrants were \$18,828.07 (7% decrease).

Our 2002 lein was \$184,350.09. This is a \$1,666.00 increase from last year.

I personally would like to say, "Thank You", to my Deputy, Maureen Dolen. She has been a tremendous help to all of us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Dupre'
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2002

	DEBITS	PRIOR LEVIES		
	Levy for Year of this Report	2001	2000	1999 & Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - BEG.OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes		548,818.18	37,210.54	10,678.46
Land Use Change		15,400.00		
TAXES				
COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes	6,245,181.86	184,350.09		
Land Use Change	77,825.00			
Yield Taxes	18,828.07			
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes	1,545.00	119.32		
Interest - Late Tax	12,010.07	35,269.53	9,770.42	3,618.69
TOTAL DEBITS	6,355,390.00	783,957.12	46,980.96	14,297.15

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes	5,554,766.90	504,793.36	28,084.91	9,123.06
Land Use Change Tax	74,925.00	15,400.00		
Yield Taxes	16,966.84			
Interest	12,010.07	35,269.53	9,770.42	3,668.69
Conversion to Lien		184,350.09		
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	1,849.86	568.00		
Yield Taxes	394.23			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR:				
Property Taxes	690,110.10	43,576.14	9,125.63	1,505.40
Land Use Change	2,900.00			
Yield Taxes	1,467.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	6,355,390.00	783,957.12	46,980.96	14,297.15

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX ACCOUNTS
Year Ending December 31, 2002

	DEBITS			
	Last Year's Levy	2001	2000	1999 & Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		96,883.55	37,210.54	10,703.46
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	184,350.09			
Interest & Costs Collected (after lien execution)	6,798.90	12,821.75	10,282.92	3,668.69
TOTAL DEBITS	191,148.99	109,705.30	47,493.46	14,372.15

	CREDITS			
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions	94,492.77	53,307.41	28,084.91	9,123.06
Interest & Costs Collected (after lien execution)	6,798.90	12,821.75	10,282.92	3,668.69
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	89,857.32	43,576.14	9,125.63	1,580.40
TOTAL CREDITS	191,148.99	109,705.30	47,493.46	14,372.15

POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Scott L. Young
Chief of Police

Police Officers

Sgt. Michael Richard, Full Time
Eric Gale, Part Time
Thomas Bibeau, Part Time

Timothy Sawyer, Full Time
Donald Laliberte, Part Time
Randy Young, Part Time

Secretary
Mary Macfadzen

Below are some of the calls for service received by the Strafford Police Department in 2002.

Accidents	56	911 Calls	42
M/V Summons	218	M/V Warnings	506
Alarms	56	Arrests	85
Incidents	504	Felony Reports	22
Crime Against Property	59	Mutual Aid/Fire/Med	96
Animal Complaints	111	Misdemeanor Reports	457

First I would like to extend a thank you to the town for this wonderful new police building that we have. Some of its features include a secure area to interview victims of crimes and suspects, an area to book and process prisoners and a room to conduct training classes, just to name a few. Please feel free to stop by and we will give you a tour. We are very proud of our building, and we hope you are too.

The 2003 budget shows an approximate increase of 10% over last year, because of increases in health insurance, Medicare and FICA, along with increase costs in gasoline, heating oil, and electricity. The new building is approximately 4000 sq. ft. and requires an increase in heat and electricity, and of course with gasoline prices on the rise, I had no other choice but to increase that line also. In order to hold the bottom line down as low as possible, I have put off for another year, some important equipment that we need to purchase, including bulletproof vests and a new radar unit. I also decided to hold off making the police secretary's position full time. these are things that we need, but given the state of the economy and the increase in taxes, I believe that we can get through another year without compromising the safety of our officers and the efficient day to day operations of the police department.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott L. Young, Chief of Police

**DETAILED STATEMENTS OF PAYMENTS & ENCUMBRANCES
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2002**

Salaries	128,742.24
Benefits	47,580.63
Outside Details	5,112.50
Overtime Wages	6,682.70
Supplies	1,998.61
Gasoline	5,045.15
Training	778.40
Heat/Electricity	2,410.10
Telephone	5,652.78
Equipment/Maintenance	4,620.17
Dues	100.00
Cruiser Maintenance	3,993.58
Strafford Dispatch	10,617.50
Prosecution Services	4000.00
Uniforms	3,030.90
Building Maintenance.	2,690.99
D.A.R.E.	41.04
Miscellaneous	275.00
Gross Exp. Police 2002	\$233,372.29

Revenues

Pistol Permits	570.00
Accident Reports	110.00
Fines	438.00
Special Services Fees (incl road details)	8,800.00
Witness Fess	1,053.68
C.O.P.S. Fast Grant	<u>22,764.00</u>
TOTAL	\$33,735.68

HILL LIBRARY
Annual Report for 2002
Telephone 664-2800

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

INVENTORY

Books owned by the Library as of Jan. 1, 2002	13,101
Books purchased in 2002	264
Books donated in 2002	106
Books lost or discarded	122
Books owned as of December 31, 2002	13,549
Magazine subscriptions (gifts)	10
Magazine subscriptions (purchased)	18
Used magazines donated	7
R.A.L.I. audio subscription-purchased	4
Audio tapes	165
Videos/CD's/DVD's	526

CIRCULATION

Total patron attendance	6,829
Total books circulated	8,791
Adult Fiction - 2,438	Adult Non-Fiction - 1,196
Children Fiction - 3,767;	Children Non-Fiction - 1,390
Magazines	724
Audio Tapes	472
Videos/CD's/DVD's	1,673

The Hill Library is a place where public funds, private donations, and thousands of hours of work are finally resulting in a computerized facility that offers easier and broader accessibility to more library materials than ever before. The statewide library system has a new interlibrary loan system in place and has made the EBSCO search database available on the library computers. Revision of cross-references is making location of reference matter quicker and easier within the library. Internet and word-processing are available. We would like to see our library become more actively used.

Kenneth A. Berry
Director

HILL LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2002

INCOME

Beginning Cash on January 1, 2002	\$7,368.39
Town appropriation	16,000.00
Salaries paid by town	<u>22,978.55</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$46,346.94

Association and Seminar expenses 204.00

Children's Summer Reading Program 169.77

COLLECTION EXPENSES:

Adult Books \$2,486.08

Audio/ Video/CD's/DVD's Materials..... 250.71

Children's Books 1,798.38

R.A.L.I. audio subscriptions 75.00

Subscriptions 363.58

TOTAL COLLECTION EXPENSES 4,973.75

Computer expenses

Computer Hardware/Software 256.94

New Printer 264.97

CPU rebate -30.00

Winnebago Maintenance 450.00

TOTAL COMPUTER EXPENSES 941.91

Copier expenses

Xerox maintenance 129.00

Toner, Drum, Ink Cart. 421.60

Less copier fees -218.55

TOTAL COPIER EXPENSES 332.05

Custodial Services 1,226.00

Bank Fees (CKS) 58.55

Insurance 113.00

Miscellaneous 353.19

Museum Passes 300.00

Postage and PO Box 90.80

Salaries

Director (BL) 3,594.00

Director (KAB) 5,280.00

Assistant Director 8,164.55

Library Aide 4,379.00

Library Aide 1,505.00

Substitute 56.00

TOTAL SALARIES 22,978.55

SUPPLIES:

Book Processing Supplies 395.78

Cleaning Supplies 39.92

Office Supplies	141.84	
TOTAL SUPPLIES		577.54
UTILITIES:		
Electricity	2,210.92	
Heat	2,152.00	
Telephone	1,004.70	
Water Systems	134.00	
TOTAL UTILITIES		5,501.62
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>37,820.73</u>
Balance in check book		8,516.21
Petty cash		20.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND ON DECEMBER 31, 2002 ..		<u>8526.21</u>
Respectfully submitted,		
Charlotte M. Berry, Treasurer		

TRUSTEES' 2002 HILL LIBRARY REPORT

The Trustees feel that it is a great privilege to share in serving the most important cultural and informational resource in the community. The library is an archive for the literature, science, history, discoveries and thoughts of our world. Its materials and programs expand our knowledge, feed our curiosity, and challenge our creativity. This has been an important year of progress at the library.

Established programs continued:

- Preschool story hour met twice a month during the school year.
- The summer reading program for children in grades K-4 met on Tuesdays.
- A full slate of volunteers were an important addition to library work and were honored with a recognition tea.
- Community groups continued to use the library for meetings and activities in the Anne and Herb Cilley Room.
- Local artists and craftspeople showcased works in the Cilley Room
- Charlotte Berry, assistant library director, continued to volunteer time to oversee weekly visits from Strafford School second graders.
- Staff and Trustees attended a number of conferences to remain current with policies, materials and practices.
- Annual maintenance of the furnace, septic system, and water filter were accomplished.

2002 brought new directions and activities:

- A book discussion club for adult readers with meetings on the fourth Thursday evening of the month was begun. The present 15 members would welcome newcomers.

- The library's volunteer webmaster, Ralph Wegner, created a web page for the library with information about schedules, special events, new books, the book club and more at www.metrocast.net/~straflib/ The library can also be reached now by email at straflib@metrocast.net
- The Currier Gallery of Art was added to the family passes available which already included the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Strawberry Banke, and the NH Farm Museum.
- In hiring Ken Berry, the library acquired a career professional librarian as its new library director.
- Thanks to work by staff and volunteers, great progress has been made toward filing all books into the computer catalogue system.
- Staff member Joani Ouellette ran an additional summer reading program on Saturdays for preschoolers.
- An answering machine was installed so materials can be renewed by telephone.
- The EBSCO Periodical Research System is now available online at the library.
- A bike rack has been installed for patrons' use.
- The George N. Cate Fund awarded a grant for library materials.
- Grants obtained by the Strafford Library Association brought two New Hampshire Humanities speakers to the library.
- Director Berry arranged for Professor Larry Dingman to speak about NH water resources in reference to the proposed bottling plant. He continues to plan other speakers of topical interest.
- The Library was pleased to receive a donated park bench from the Lovejoy-Cahill family.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pamela Marks, Diane Ames, Harmony Anderson, Library Trustees

TRUSTEES OF HILL LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2002

INCOME

Beginning Cash on January 1, 2002	\$780.55
Books Fines	542.20
George Cates Fund	750.00
Mobil Foundation, Inc.	1,500.00
Donations	360.00
NHSL Grant	<u>175.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2002

4,107.85

EXPENDITURES

Adult Books & A/V materials	165.55
Summer Reading Program "Mr. Phil"	225.00
Bike Rack	110.00
Gifts	32.00
Retirement Party	107.16
Miscellaneous	<u>93.73</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2002

733.44

BALANCE IN CHECK BOOK ON 12/31/02

3,374.41

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. Wood, Treasurer
Pamela A. Marks, Library Trustee

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The accompanying statistical Report of the Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds for the Town of Strafford, shows the status of the trust funds and capital reserve funds, and includes receipts and expenditures during the year.

The Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the trust funds and the capital reserve funds assigned to them. They must invest funds, assigned to them, in accordance with State and Town regulations, and they must be accountable for the funds at all times.

The town of Strafford Trustees of Trust Funds are responsible for the perpetual care of graves and cemeteries where Town Trust Funds have been established for such work.

There are 159 known cemeteries and grave sites in the Town of Strafford, Of these, forty-seven (47) have established trust funds for perpetual care. Twenty-eight (28) are for the care of family cemeteries Nineteen (19) are for care of graves in the community cemeteries; namely, The Crown Point Cemetery, The Center Strafford Cemetery, and The Caverly Hill Cemetery. The smallest Town Cemetery Trust funds are for Fifty(50) dollars, and the largest trust funds are for one thousand (1,000) dollars. At the present interest rates on investments of around 1.8% per annum. this gives the trustees ninety cents for perpetual care work on the \$50.00 trust fund. However, due to the non spending of the income during certain years, it is possible, more money is available to be spent in a given year. In no cases, may any of the principle be spent.

Recently, there has been an increase in work done in both cemeteries with trust funds and those with no trust funds by volunteers. The Trustees want to thank Bill Walker, The Prince Family, The John Hall Family, Elizabeth Evans and the Boy Scouts for their outstanding amount of volunteer work.

During the year Bill Walker continued to map the location of the many cemeteries and grave sites in the town. He used the new GPS mapping technique. Bill intends to carry-on this project during 2003.

Respectfully submitted by:
William L. Marks
M. Justine Leighton
Roger S. Leighton, Sr.
Trustees of Trust Funds

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2002

The Board of Adjustment has held eleven public hearings for the consideration of applications requesting variances or special exceptions to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances of the Town. The number of times the Board meets during a year is based on the number of applications received.

William G. Lord, Chairman

Receipts 2002

Application Fees	\$3,267.00
Miscellaneous	<u>00.00</u>
Total	\$3,267.00

Expenditures 2002

Postage	\$734.90
Foster's Daily Democrat (Public Notices)	563.37
Secretarial	714.25
Printing	<u>149.40</u>
Total	\$2,182.57

ROCHESTER/RURAL DISTRICT VNA & HOSPICE ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Your VNA & Hospice continues to serve your community as a private, independent, non-profit home health agency certified by Medicare and licenses by the state in home health and hospice. Your VNA & Hospice provides high quality care in a cost-effective, caring manner. In addition to our full range of home health and hospice services, we are supported by a dedicated group of volunteers providing companionship and respite to patients and families.

Our Board of Directors, including your Board Representative, Leslie Dupee, are continually evaluating the health care needs in Strafford to ensure that decisions we make are in the best interest of your community. Your VNA & Hospice continues to serve patients regardless of their financial circumstances. Your town contribution is essential to meeting the intermittent skilled home health and hospice needs of those with little or no insurance.

Your VNA & Hospice (Rochester/Rural District Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice) has grown with a steady increase in admissions throughout 2002. The acuity of our patients has increased dramatically, requiring the skills of our nurse specialists. Our patients are sicker when they are admitted, many requiring home IV therapy and many more requiring complicated dressing procedures.

We are facing many challenges: the two most critical include the shortage of nurses and the technical challenges of our computer system. The nursing shortage is a national problem and one way we are fighting the problem is by utilizing technology. We are moving forward with computer for the professional staff with the goal of decreasing paperwork and increasing efficiency. Via grant funding we are initiating a telehealth program.

Please know that you have a right to choose your home care and hospice provider. Choose quality combined with a long-standing commitment to your community. Ask for Your VNA & Hospice (Rochester/Rural District VNA & Hospice) by name. If you have questions about the availability of care/services please call 332-1133 for information.

Thank you to everyone that has made personal contributions in support of our programs and memorial donations. We are proud to be meeting your home health and hospice needs and look forward to working with you in the future.

Visits Jan-Sept. 2002, annualized		% of Visits by Payor	
Skilled Nursing Visits	387	Medicare	66%
Perinatal Visits	4	Medicaid/HCBC	19%
Physical Therapy	168	HCBC = (low income	
Occupational Therapy	55	nursing home eligible)	
Speech Therapy	24	Insurance	14%
Medical Social Worker	60	Other: Self pay, grants,	
		etc.	1%
Home Care Aide	1400		
Homemaker	23		
Nursing: non-billable	60	Report submitted by,	
Office visits	7	Linda Hotchkiss, RN, MHSA	
Bereavement	0	Executive Director	
Total Visits	2188		

ANNUAL REPORT OF STRAFFORD FIRE & RESCUE

During 2002 we had a record number 248 calls for service which was an increase of 31 calls over 2001 which was a record year itself.

Fire	69
Medical	124
M V A	31
Service	24

I want to thank all the members and their families for their participation at calls, trainings, meetings and work sessions. Without them there would be no fire and rescue department.

We spent hundreds of hours training to keep our certifications as firefighters and EMT's and checking all the quipment ot be sure it's ready when needed.

I am happy to report that we applied for and received a grant through the fire act grant program which is administered through FEMA. The total cost of the project is \$150,033.00 with 10% or \$15,003.00 having to come from taxation. You will see an article in the warrant for this purpose. The money is going to be spent for a breathing air compressor, cascade system, bottle fill station, at least 30 air packs with masks with voice amplifiers, 30 spare bottles and training.

We presently have to go to a neighboring Town to get our air packs filled so we don't train with them actually using air as much as we should. This will enable us to train more.

I especially want to thank Steve Austin for putting all the information for the grant together and for the writing the grant.

When we learn what the 2003 grants are for we intend to apply again for more assistance.

We have gotten most all our ice rescue equipment from grants.

The officers and members of the department are asking the Townspeople for their continued support for the new Fire station/Town office building and for two fulltime firefighter/EMT's for Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm.

Presently there is not enough room around the vehicles for training, low ceiling height makes it real hard to pack hose on the trucks (usually done outside regardless of the weather conditions), have no meeting/training room, no office space, no kitchen area, no locked storage space, no system for removal of exhaust gases from the

vehicles, no work bench area etc.

We are going to keep the Bow Lake and Crown Point stations open and keep one engine in each and probably the boat in Bow Lake during the winter. All meetings, trainings and work sessions will be held at the central station.

During the daytime hours of 7am to 5pm we are desperately in need of personnel so we feel we don't have choice but to ask for two fulltime firefight/EMT's to cover those hours. For 2002 we had 94 calls during those time periods which is a substantial number. The extra time it takes for neighboring departments to respond could mean the difference between life and death regardless of whether it's a fire or medical emergency.

We need the two people because we can't transport with the ambulance unless we have two state medically licensed personnel. Also we need a minimum of two firefighters to enter a building that's on fire and we are supposed to have two more firefighters all dressed in full gear waiting outside in case they are needed for a rescue of the one inside. [two in two out rule]

On behalf of the officers and members I want to thank you for your continued support. It's greatly appreciated.

Loren Pierce, Chief

REPORT FIRE, RESCUE AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The goal of this committee is to present a proposal for a municipal building to provide both town office space and a fire station. A central location, easy access for emergency vehicles and reasonable cost are most important. Since a new police station has already been built and satellite fire stations at Crown Point and Bow Lake will be maintained, the size of the proposed municipal building has been reduced.

Just prior to last year's town meeting, the committee received project estimate of \$2.5 million. This included approximately \$1 million for site work and an additional \$1.5 million for the building. The committee felt that this cost was far in excess of what was reasonable and decided not to present this proposal at town meeting. Since then we have been meeting weekly to finalize building plans. Initial architectural plans using our current site were unsatisfactory because costs were too high and additional land would have been required. Other options have been pursued.

A number of municipal buildings with good design and reasonable cost have been built by Whitcher Builders. Their experience with this type of construction and their ability to develop a plan at our present site makes them a clear choice. With short notice, we had them develop a plan that would use our present site. The fire department and town office personnel reviewed the plans and were pleased with the design.

This building will meet our present and future needs. Should it be necessary, the present plan provides for expansion. Pending approval at town meeting, Whitcher Builders will be the chosen contractor. We have received a firm cost of \$1.25 million on the entire project and feel it will best suit Strafford's needs.

Fire, Rescue and Municipal Building Committee,
Lester Huckins, George Kitz, Rob Lobdell, Mary Mooers,
Steve Pike, Cal Schroeder, Paul Yergeau

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Annual maintenance for 2002 consisted of plowing and sanding in the winter months, as well as roadside mowing, patching and drainage work throughout the summer and fall. Capital improvements consisted of the paving of approximately .5 miles of the Province Road, paving of the Class V portion of the Garland Road, and paving of approximately .4 miles of the First Crown Point Road. Paving of the west end of the Canaan Road is scheduled for the spring of 2003.

Respectfully,
Greg Messenger, *Road Agent*

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES - 2002

R.W. Tasker & Son	\$23,805.00
Parker Mountain Excavating Corp.	4,007.50
Scott Barry Trucking	2,762.50
Leighton Logging Inc.	304.00
Arborcare Tree Service	380.00
Hamilton-Shea, Inc.	1,647.50
Radford Messenger, Inc.	<u>159,178.25</u>

Sub Total \$192,084.75

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Equipment/Maintenance	2,494.74
Gravel	15,845.68
Sand	8,748.28
Salt	17,749.40
Cold Patch	1,113.43
Paving Asphalt	21,263.39
Culverts	2,285.00
Street Signs/Posts	<u>961.81</u>

Sub Total \$70,461.73

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$262,546.48

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS

87R4. WINTER PARKING - Pursuant to RSA 265:70, the following parking regulation will be established:

a. *There will be no parking on all Town roads so as to impede snow removal. Any violations of the above will be subject to a fine of \$5.00 per violation and subject to towing, pursuant to RSA 265:69 and RSA 265:70.*

87R5. SNOW OBSTRUCTION -- Pursuant to RSA 249:23, the following snow obstruction regulations will be established:

a. Any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any town maintained road for any purpose, *except to provide a place necessary for crossing, recrossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment* shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said road for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said roads.

Any violation of the above will be subjected to a fine of up to \$100.00, pursuant to RSA 249:23.

RECYCLING REPORT/STRAFFORDTRANSFER STATION

The landfill closure project is finally nearing completion. As always, there are a few loose ends still to be completed. Hydrogeological monitoring of the area will be on-going for years to come, but again, we are happy to report that there has been no evidence of problems with the site. CMA Engineers continues to help us as we work with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services on the landfill closure project.

Unfortunately, the landfill closure/capping has left us with significantly less area at the site, although we are pleased that we are allowed to continue transfer operations in this location. We are trying to make the reduced area work for us, and we ask your patience as we all try to work in our new smaller space. Waste Management is working with us to try to come up with the best locations for the various waste and recycling containers. As all of you are aware, we continue to face increasing use of Strafford's Transfer Station and Recycling Center, and with the reduced space, the transfer station containers can and do occasionally fill to capacity, forcing a temporary closure. We thank you for your patience as we struggle with the difficulties of working with the new system. Sadly, it looks as if the building we would need for storage and a "swap shop" will not be able to locate at the present site. Future plans include searching for a new place for such a facility, as well as searching for a location for brush and composting of yard waste. For the time being, we will have to work with containers for these items.

Plan ahead! the date for this year's Hazardous Waste Collection at Turnkey Landfill in Rochester has already been set. Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, September 27th, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, and set aside all of your Hazardous Waste items for safe disposal.

We ask for your continued support with our budget requests for this process, and we ask for your patience with our new transfer station. Your cooperation with the procedures at the Center is greatly appreciated, and helps all of us and the environment in which we live and work.

REVENUES RECEIVED 2002

Stickers	\$ 347.00
Tires (Customer Fees)	254.00
Metal Disposal (Customer Fees)	540.00
Revenues from Recycling of Materials	<u>385.76</u>
TOTAL	\$1,526.76

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee was established by vote of the Town (Article 18) at the 2001 Town Meeting, and continued by vote of the Town (Article 20) in 2002. We hope to continue our work for another year in order to help with the transition to new facilities at our transfer station and recycling center, now that the state-mandated closure project is almost finished.

In the coming year, we hope to begin working with different companies in order to offer a broader range of recycling services. We will also be working with the Town in order to help plan a "swap shop" area and brush/composting facility.

We would request that everyone pay close attention to the recycling rules. We now have recycling containers for newspaper/mixed paper, and glass/tin cans, as well as compactors for #1 and #2 plastics, and for corrugated cardboard. We also have a new container for metals. We have to have full white metal disposal back in place by the end of the summer. We are working on new flyers to go with our new transfer station layout.

Please be patient and work with the transfer station staff - the list of recyclables accepted by Waste Management can change frequently, depending on the market. If you have questions about whether an object can be recycled, please ask one of the staff members before placing that item in the container. Thank you for your support, and remember, please recycle everything you can - it helps us all!

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Brown, Missi Kerivan, Kimberly McGlinchey,
William Vance,

PLANNING BOARD REPORT 2002

2002 was another busy year for the Board. The Master Plan Update has finally been completed and is now an official town document. The next project: review zoning and subdivision regulations. We have this task underway now and you will find on your ballots for Town Meeting several proposed changes to our Zoning and Land Use Ordinances:

1. To establish "buffer zones" for our principal rivers and ponds not protected by state shoreland protection laws.
2. To establish guidelines and controls for the construction of telecommunications facilities.
3. Adding "depletion of water resources" to our list of business or commercial ventures prohibited in the Town, in order to protect groundwater resources
4. Deleting Article 1.4.3 "Exceptions to Land Use Requirements" (Cluster Development) and replacing it with new regulations for Conservation Development.

Conservation Development has, in recent years, become a reasonably successful planning tool. While similar to 'cluster development', it provides options and incentives that can make it more attractive to developers who would otherwise prepare a conventional development plan. It requires that 40% of the land be retained for conservation/recreation uses, while limiting the number of units to the number that could be created through conventional subdivision. (A 10% "bonus" may be granted for particularly innovative protection of views, forests, meadows, historic sites, etc.) Lot areas and frontage requirements may be reduced to reach these objectives.

Adoption of the amendments that we are proposing to the Zoning and Land Use Ordinances should result in attractive developments in concert with the stated objectives of the Master Plan: to maintain our rural character, and to preserve more open space, woods, and fields.

In the coming year we will be trying to review and refine the general land use plan that we have only partially developed, and we hope to suggest zoning areas that would require larger lots (3 acres or more) and identify existing high density areas (Bow Lake Village, Strafford Ridge, Crown Point, and possibly other areas) where we could permit smaller (one acre or more) lots. The objective: to let 'village' areas develop, to sponsor variations in housing, and to prevent rural sprawl. This approach to planning is far better than 'blanket' lot sizing, which, in the long range, leads to sprawl and impacts the social and economic well-being of the Town. Strafford will grow over the years to come no matter what we do-how it grows is what is important.

Public participation is welcomed at all Board meetings and remember, if you are thinking of any commercial activity on your property, you need to check with your Planning Board.

RECEIPTS 2002

Application Fees	\$3,434.02
Books (Town Zoning Ordinances and Regulations)	95.00
Miscellaneous	22.50
TOTAL	3,551.52

EXPENDITURES 2002

Postage	\$805.54
Printing	56.02
Advertising (Foster's Daily Democrat)	116.15
Planning Consultant	755.00
Supplies and miscellaneous	123.36
Secretarial	<u>1,107.50</u>
TOTAL	2,259.39

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford Conservation Commission members have been active this year, focusing many of our efforts on conservation planning. We would encourage support of the Planning Board's proposed zoning amendments on the ballot for March 11, 2003. The various proposals include a local Shoreland Protection Ordinance, inspired by the passage of legislation designating the Isinglass River into the state's Rivers Management and Protection Program, as well as a new Conservation Development Ordinance that would help promote development that helps to maintain open space areas. The Conservation Commission is also supporting an article on the warrant for this year's Town Meeting to allocate the proceeds of the land use change tax to our conservation fund. Helping to protect open space, wildlife habitat, and healthy forest land is necessary if Strafford is to retain the rural character that we all value.

We would like to thank Harmony Anderson who has begun publishing a "Conservation Notes" section in the Strafford Town Calendar. Several of her columns have focused on long range conservation planning tools, such as conservation easements. We remind everyone about our Conservation Land Fund, which is available to assist local landowners who wish to protect some or all of their land for future generations. The fund is meant to act as "seed money" for local landowners who wish to put land into conservation easements for other preservation programs, by helping them with the expenses of putting together a conservation easement.

WE have begun work with our Consulting Forester, Charles Moreno, on a new Resource Assessment Plan for the Town Forest/Weidman Lot, Edgerly Lot, and Storer Lots, the three linked Town Forest properties on Parker Mountain. We are looking forward to having an up to date study that will help us manage these three contiguous

properties for the benefit of all of us today, and future generations.

We would again like to urge people to learn about and contribute to the work of other conservation groups active in our area, such as Bear Paw Regional Greenways, the Cocheco Watershed Coalition, the Isinglass River Protection Project, and Friends of the Suncook River. These are all volunteer efforts to help protect our natural resources, and the Strafford Conservation Commission holds memberships in all of these organizations.

The Commission also would like to continue to encourage students from Coe-Brown Academy to volunteer for conservation related projects for their Senior Community Service Project. All Coe-Brown students are required to undertake a community service project during their senior year. We are very happy to work with any of our local high school students-please feel free to get in touch with any of the members of the Commission!

The Commission continues to be responsible for reviewing dredge and fill applications, both at the regular meetings and with numerous on-site daytime field trips. As always, the Commission appreciates those applications that are submitted in advance of any work being done.

In closing, we offer our usual thanks to all of the Strafford people who help to maintain the Town Forest and our trail systems. Thank you to Dan Clark and the families near the Town Forest, who assist us greatly by mowing the lower field below the plaque and the parking area during the summer months. We would also like to thank the members of the Strafford Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 23, who have focused several projects at the Town Forest. The Scouts and these people make it possible for all of us to enjoy this lovely area. Please remember that copies of the trail maps for the Town Forest/Weidman Lot, Edgerly Lot, and Storer Lot trails are available at the Town Office. And, please remember to make use of our many town properties as you plan recreation activities. If you are not sure how to locate the various properties, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Commission or the Strafford Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Evans, Chairman

Harmony Aderson, Jack Bronnenberg, JoAnn Brown, Al Pratt,

Carl Schroeder, Bruce Smith, Sarah M. Ward

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Strafford continues to grow at a steady pace, as reflected in the steady number of permits issued for new construction. We have also seen a steady increase in requests from permits for conversion of seasonal dwellings and for renovation and expansion of older homes.

I would urge people to contact the Town Office if you are planning any home improvement project, as you will likely need to obtain a building permit. This includes the modern above-ground pools that have become increasingly popular in Strafford. The only exceptions are small storage sheds (under 100 sq.ft., not on a permanent foundation). Please remember that any structure, including sheds and pools, needs to meet zoning setback requirements.

Please be aware that Public Service of NH has changed their inspection requirements, putting the responsibility for a number of new inspections on the Town. As the office of Building Inspector continues to be a part-time position in Strafford, it is important for people to allow adequate advance notice if they will be needing inspections for electrical work, or any of the other required inspections associated with the different stages of a building project. I would also like to advise the townspeople that the NH legislature has adopted a state building code, which will become effective for any permit issued after September 2003.

The position of Building Inspecting is important for many reasons, some of which are worth mentioning. First is keeping current with property records. Second and more importantly is making sure all work done in Town meets certain basic standards. Shoddy work affects not only the property values on which the work is done but also neighboring properties as well. Poor workmanship can become a liability to the Town. And third, making sure all local codes are applied fairly and equitably to all property owners. The job is an important one and worth doing well.

Please remember that permits are required for all projects and repairs, and please do not hesitate to ask questions regarding construction projects. I would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation with the Building Inspection permit process.

Stephen Haynes Smith
Building Inspector

MONTH	NEW HOMES	REPLACEMENT	ADDITION REMODELING	GARAGE/SHED BARN	DECK DOCK	SPECTIC POOL	
January				1			
February			4				
March	3		1	1			
April	1	1	1	1		1	
May	6		1	5		1	2
June	4		4	2	2	1	2
July	1		1	2	1		1
August	4		3	5	1	2	2
September	6	1	9	9			3
October	5		3		2	1	1
November	1	2	6	3		1	
December	4		1				
Total	31 Houses	4	34	29	7	7	11

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression costs.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wild-fires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported through November 10, 2002)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	# of Fires	Acres
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6
Total Fires		Total Acres
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson/Suspicious	43
Campfire	31
Children	32
Smoking	32
Rekindle of Permit	3
Illegal	7
Lightning	36
Misc*	356
*Misc: (powerlines, fire works, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment)	

STRAFFORD RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT - 2002

Once again, about 100 youth took part in the Red Cross swim program this year. We had two sessions during the summer, one in July and the other in August. The majority of the youth were very attentive, put effort into learning the skills and passed their levels.

Also, we once again had very good coverage at the beach. We had one full-time water-safety instructor with and aide as well. There were three lifeguards and a gate attendant. The beach always had at least one lifeguard present, but the majority of the time there were two lifeguards watching over the beach. Salaries for this summer amounted to \$13,047. Other expenses such as equipment, Red Cross swim program, water testing, general maintenance and the summer arts program brought the total summer expenses to \$15,410. Income from swim lessons was \$868, up \$100 from last year. Unfortunately, beach pass income was down over \$400 and this is an area we need to work on next year.

But, we stayed within the budget for the summer of 2002 and request the budget remain the same. Lifeguarding equipment is getting old and worn and needs replacement. We should be able to do this within the existing budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted White, WSI

ASSESSING AGENT'S REPORT 2002

This past year the Town purchased the Vision appraisal software package, a computer and a printer that will allow us to more accurately and cost effectively maintain our assessing records. Having this package in house will also allow me to analyze and update our assessments to meet new State standards in a timely manner.

You are all aware of the "Claremont Decision" regarding State wide education standards and the subsequent reinstitution of the State Property Tax. The State Property Tax created "Donor towns" and "Receiving towns". Strafford is a "Receiving town". The State has determined the amount of money that it cost to provide an "adequate education" to each student. Then, using a complicated formula, they take the number of school children in the public school system in each town and calculate how much it will cost to give those children an "adequate education". The State Property Tax rate is multiplied times and *equalized* assessable value of the town and if the amount raised is *less than* the amount needed to provide an "adequate education" to the children in that town, the State sends monies collected, from other towns, to the town (Receiving town). If the amount exceeds that needed to educate the town's children, the excess is sent to another community (Donor town). The "Donor Towns" sued the State of NH because they believed that the assessing practices

were not consistent and equitable throughout the State. In 2001 the Assessing Standards Board and the Equalization Board were created by the Legislature to develop standards that could be used to ensure that all communities were following sound and equitable assessing practices. The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) is the State agency entrusted with the job of overseeing assessing practices and certifying the assessments of each community, based on the Standards proposed by the Assessing Standards Board. Strafford's Certification Year is 2004.

The new standards require that all communities have their assessments certified once every 5 years. The criteria for these standards is spelled out in RSA 21-J: 11-a and requires compliance in 5 areas: 1) The level of assessment must be between 90% and 110% of market value and the overall coefficient of dispersion (a statistical measure that shows whether properties are equitably assessed in relationship to each other) must be under 20. Every year the DRA conducts an assessment-to-sales ratio study to determine these statistics. 2) Assessing practices must substantially comply with statutes and rules. 3) Exemption, credits and abatements must comply with statutes and rules. 4) Assessments must be based on reasonably accurate data. 5) Assessments of different types of properties must be reasonably proportional to other types of properties.

Strafford's last town-wide revaluation was conducted in 1990 and 1991. Our level of assessment is below 60% and our COD is about 15. What does that mean? It means that the *average* property that has sold in the past year is assessed for about 60% of what it sold for and that when you calculate all of the ratios for all of the sales they are within about 15% of each other. So, we could meet the new standards based on the equity of our assessments but not the standard for level of assessment. There are actually four statistical standards that we have to meet. The market has changed dramatically since 1991 when the assessments and tables used to assess the properties were developed. In 1991 you could buy a house lot in Strafford for \$18,000. Today, the average house lot (non lake influence) is selling for \$47,000. The cost of building materials and labor have increased almost as much.

This past year I have been working on getting our documentation on properties enjoying the current use exemption up to snuff and will be continuing to work on that project through 2003. There are approximately 560 parcels that have all or part of the land enrolled in the current use program. I will be updating our current use assessments to conform to the *Marlow* decision (forest land must be assessed taking into consideration access, topography and soil quality) and to meet assessing standards practices for April 1, 2004. This is a very time consuming project, since rules and regulations about what has been required for documentation have changed since the programs inception in the 1970's.

In order to update values to current market value for Certification 2004, I have been visiting the properties that have sold since October of 2001. These "sale properties" will be used as "comps" to develop the new model used to appraise all properties in the town. After I have finished the sales analysis in the Fall of 2003, I will be doing a field review (drive by) of every property in town. Over the next 4 years every property will be visited to check the measurements and inspect the interior. We are doing this data verification over a 4 year time frame so that it will not have such an

impact on the tax rate. The properties that I have visited to date indicated that our data is relatively accurate and I anticipate no problem meeting the data accuracy standards. We will still need to do a complete verification in the next few years to *maintain* the accuracy of our data. National standards recommend that properties be inspected and the measurements verified once every 10 years.

I annually visit about 300 properties in Strafford either because the owner took out a building permit, there was a lot split or new subdivision, work begun in a previous year was not completed by April 1 of the assessing year or because a property owner requests an inspection. Starting this year I will be requesting to inspect the entire house when I visit, even if the property owner only took out a permit for a deck. This will eliminate unnecessary/duplicative visits in the future, save money for the tax payers and ensure accurate data. When I am unable to find an adult home to an inspection, I will leave a letter requesting that the property owner call the Town Office to schedule an inspection appointment. Appointments are available mornings, evenings and some Saturdays. New Hampshire RSA 74:17 states that if you refuse an assessor the right to inspect your property, you forfeit the right to appeal your assessment. The majority of property owners are cordial and cooperative with this process and I have felt welcomed in Strafford, since I started working here in 1993.

Rest assured that I will do the very best that I can to ensure that Strafford's assessments are fair and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana G. Calder, Assessing Agent

**STRAFFORD
SCHOOL
DISTRICTS
REPORTS
2002**

**OFFICERS OF THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2002 - 2003**

SCHOOL BOARD

	Term Expires
Mr. Bruce Patrick, Chairman	2003
Mrs. Mark Dolan, Vice Chairman	2003
Mr. Stephen Leighton	2004
Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang	2004
Mrs. Jane Vachon	2005

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harry C. Fensom, Jr., Ed.D.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Judith A. McGann, M.Ed.

PRINCIPAL

Richard A. Jenisch, M.A.

TREASURER

Sandra Pierce

CLERK

Carrolle Popovich

MODERATOR

Dennis Vachon

AUDITOR

Vachon & Clukay Co., P.C.

**SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 5th day of March 2003, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the Strafford School District will vote to approve the costs items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Strafford School Board and the Strafford Teachers' Association NEA-NH which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increases
2003-2004	\$114,019.50
2004-2005	\$ 94,203.57
2005-2006	\$ 92,778.77

and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nineteen dollars and Fifty cents, (\$114,019.50) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staff levels paid in the prior fiscal years.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

3. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for roof and septic repair, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the School District Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

4. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the school district capital reserve fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings all or part of for school district in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch 35, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2003.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

5. To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the estimated expenses of the New School Building Committee for engineering and testing cost. This will be a non-lasping appropriation per RSA 32:7 until June 30, 2007

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

6. To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capitial construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

7. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 12th day of February 2003.

Mr. Bruce Patrick
Mr. Mark Dolan
Mr. Stephen Leighton
Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang
Mrs. Jane Vachon
School Board

**SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford Elementary School in said district on the 11th day of March 2003, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 13th day of February 2003.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Mr. Bruce Patrick

Mr. Mark Dolan

Mr. Stephen Leighton

Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang

Mrs. Jane Vachon

Mr. Bruce Patrick

Mr. Mark Dolan

Mr. Stephen Leighton

Mrs. Joanne Piper-Lang

Mrs. Jane Vachon

School Board

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

Cash on Hand July 1, 2001 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		4,191.26
Revenue from Federal Lunch Reimbursements	27,491.00	
Received from all other Sources	<u>83,654.89</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>111,145.89</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		115,337.15
(balance - receipts)		
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>-110,925.99</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2002		4,412.16
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		

Sandra L. Pierce, *District Treasurer*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

DATE	FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
July 1, 2001	State of N.H.	School Lunch Program	\$27,491.00
to	Syco	Overpayment	511.23
June 30, 2002	Straf. Sch'l Dist.	Teacher Breakfast	122.50
	School Principal Acct.	Milk Reimb. Grade 2	24.00
	SAU #44	Cake Reimb.	25.00
	NE Ice Cream Corp	Ice Cream	463.88
	Lunch Program	Lunch	75,508.99
		Snack Machine	5,001.77
		Coffee	1,120.31
		Purchases	100.00
		Miscellaneous Snack	679.25
		Phone Calls Reimb.	17.10
		Miscellaneous	59.00
	Citizen Bank	Interest	<u>21.86</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>\$111,145.89</u>

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2002**

ASSETS

Current Assets -Checking/Savings		
100-Cash/Ck/Bk	4,412.16	
Intergov't Rec	4,989.00	
Inventories	743.67	
Total Current Assets		\$10,144.83

LIB & FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Other Payables	\$48.87	
Deferred Revenues	136.67	

Total Current Liabilities		185.54
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FUND EQUITY

Res for Inventories	743.67	
Res for Spec Purp.	9,215.62	

Total Fund Equity		9,959.29
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Total Liability and Equity		10,144.83
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REVENUES

Revenue from Local Sources

Food Service Sales	82,577.20	
Earnings on Investments	11.80	
Other	100.00	

Total Local Revenue		82,689.00
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RESTRICTED GRANTS-IN -AID

All Other Restricted Grants-In-Aid
child Nutrition

1,992.00

1,992.00

Total Revenue from State Sources

Restricted Grants-In-Aid from

Fed Gov't thru State

25,841.00

25,841.00

Total Revenue From Fed Gov't

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfer from General Fund 0.00

Total Other Financing Sources

0.00

Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources**110,522.00**

EXPENDITURES

Support Services

Food Service Operations 107,955.80

Total Support Services**107,955.80**

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Cash on Hand July 1, 2001		215,433.65
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	4,343,235.64	
Revenue from State	2,066,502.12	
Revenue from Federal00	
Received from all other Sources	<u>148,692.29</u>	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>6,558,430.05</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		6,773,863.70
(balance-receipts)		
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERED PAID		<u>6,269,463.16</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2002		504,400.54
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)		

Sandra L. Pierce, *District Treasurer*

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
JULY 1, 2001 to JUNE 30, 2002

FROM WHOM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
State of N.H.	Adequacy Grant	1,985,543.00
	Building Aid	37,499.37
	Kindergarten Construction	3,769.24
	Medicaid Reimbursements	39,690.51
Town of Strafford	Town Appropriation	4,343,235.64
Citizen Bank	Interest	10,500.79
NHPDIP	Interest	73.16
Northwood School Dist.	Tuition Reimb.	14,151.00
Merrimack School Dist.	Tuition	11,847.00
City of Rochester	Tuition	6,676.00
School Lunch Prog.	Wages	46,898.18
	Postage	23.80
SAU #44	Refreshment & Summer Cur.	185.19
	Workshop Trailing Reimb.	3,421.00
	Health & Dental Ins. Reimb.	571.72
	General Supplies	90.36
	Dist. Assessm. REF/ESI Adj. 2000/2001	6,944.61
	Workmen's Comp. & Liab. Adj.	3,976.15
	Foreign Lang. Supplies	1,579.38
	Foreign Lang. Teacher Reimb.	12,583.43
	Preschool Tuition Encumbrance 00/01	11,999.85
Northwood School Dist.	Substitute Reimb.	1,170.00
Measured Progress Inc.	Substitute Reimb.	120.00
Inturit	Rebate	80.00
Pearson	Credit Memo	284.82
Premier	Refund	183.30
Strafford Recreational		
Sports	Portable toilets & Repairs	266.33
Miscellaneous	Health Insurance Reimb.	4,914.00
	Dental Insurance Reimb.	1,179.57
	Rent	3,232.57
	Summer School Reimb.	120.00
	Tuition Reimb.	700.00
	Sped Transportation Reimb.	100.00
	Workers Comp. Reimb.	4,553.21
	Jury Duty	146.00
	Filing Fees	4.00
	Lost Books	74.84
	Damage Reimb.	10.00
	Flowers Reimb.	30.00
	Telephone Calls Reimb.	2.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,558,430.05

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DETAILED EXPENDITURES**July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002****1100 REGULAR EDUCATION**

Teacher Salaries	\$1,197,315.24
Technology Teacher	29,281.00
Director of Technology	35,700.00
Lunch/Bus Monitor	11,368.00
Substitute	50,065.95
Tutor Salaries	2,721.98
Health Insurance	131,729.17
Dental Insurance	11,010.44
Life Insurance	3,092.71
Buy-Out	10,000.00
Retirement (Certified)	32,263.21
Retirement (Non-Certified)	1,477.98
F.I.C.A.	101,981.70
Sick Day Reimbursement	2,437.50
Criminal Record checks	1,508.00
Contracted Service	3,826.80
Printing	5,628.72
Tuition-Other Public Schools	65,507.85
Tuition-Coe Brown	1,862,370.97
Art Supplies	4,096.19
Lang Arts-Reading Supplies	608.65
Foreign Language Supplies	2,040.93
Health P.E. Supplies	1,196.65
Project Adventure	1,407.13
Math Supplies	744.52
Music Supplies	2,359.19
Instrumental Music	2,416.34
Science Supplies	1,448.25
Social Studies Supplies	512.25
Computer Supplies	4,143.91
Consumable Supplies	10,251.31
General Supplies	3,346.77
AV Supplies	786.91
Testing Supplies	2,351.54
Textbooks	3,361.84
Workbooks	9,164.25
Supplemental Books	1,881.95
Reference Books	189.00
Periodicals	2,333.33
Textbook Program Adoption	24,454.56
New Equipment	2,258.73
New Furniture	2,376.00
Computer Technology Equipment	21,002.33
Replacement Furniture	701.91
Dues & Fees	992.45
TOTAL REG. ED. PROGRAMS	\$3,665,714.11

1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION

Teacher Salaries	179,554.30
Special Education Secretary	13,300.00
Aides	160,293.82
Extended Year Program	1,947.01
Substitutes	16,872.50
Tutors	6,528.75
Health Insurance (Cer.)	15,814.84
Health Insurance (Non-Cert.)	40,736.62
Dental Insurance	1,473.88
Life Insurance	446.77
Buy-Out Cert.	3,000.00
Buy-Out Non-Cert.	7,500.00
Retirement (Cert.)	4,770.25
Retirement (Non-Cert.)	6,886.16
F.I.C.A.	29,564.30
Contracted Services	541.00
Medicaid Admin. Fees	3,732.66
Repairs & Maintenance	29.13
Printing Sped Forms	965.68
Tuition-Other Public Schools	2,997.30
Tuition-Coe Brown	181,556.33
Tuition-Non-Public-Schools	72,458.68
Lang Arts	187.89
Math Supplies	68.94
Computer Supplies	120.25
General Supplies	1,614.12
A.V. Printing Supplies	432.12
Testing Supplies	719.35
Textbooks	184.61
Workbooks	89.64
Supplemental Textbooks	604.16
Computer Equipment	5,148.89
Periodicals	39.50
Replacement of Equipment	432.99
Dues and Fees	0.00

TOTAL SPE EDU PROGRAMS**\$760,612.44****1400 CO-CURRICULAR**

Athletic	6,905.00
Enrichment	1,000.00
Co-curricular	3,425.00
Extra Curricular	1,885.00
Journal Coordinator	0.00
Substitute Stipend	1,800.00
Retirement (cert.)	32.25
Retirement (non-cert.)	20.70
FICA	1,473.42
Literacy Connection	5,950.01
Umps - Refs	2,040.00
Scoreboard	80.00

Repairs - Maintenance	68.53
Contracted Services - Special Events	1,820.00
Travel Expenses to Browne Center	374.40
Athletic Supplies	4,169.25
Co-curricula supplies	607.92
Enrichment supplies	177.72
Dues & Fees	910.00

TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	\$32,739.20
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2110 ATTENDANCE

FICA	42.25
Truant Officer	500.00

TOTAL ATTENDANCE	\$542.25
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2120 GUIDANCE SERVICES

Salaries	72,216.00
Health Insurance	7,406.46
Dental Insurance	693.60
Life Insurance	182.78
Retirement	1,140.58
F.I.C.A.	5,357.03
Standardized Testing	3,162.77
Supplies	99.75
Periodicals	331.74
Dues & Fees	0.00

TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	\$90,590.71
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2130 HEALTH SERVICES

Nurse's Salary	30,015.00
CNA	0.00
Substitute	1,537.50
Health Insurance (Certified)	0.00
Dental Insurance	0.00
Life Insurance	76.57
Buy-Out	1,000.00
Retirement (Certified)	800.20
F.I.C.A. (Certified)	2,558.56
Staff Physicals	0.00
Contracted Services	285.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Supplies	1,738.94
Health Periodicals	0.00
New Equipment	83.41

TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$38,095.18
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2140 SPECIAL CONTRACTED SERVICES

SLC Membership	4,295.50
Occupational Therapy	32,942.58
Physiscal Therapy	18,340.03

Pre-school Diag. Unit	(709.03)
Contracted Services - ESL	24,640.90
TOTAL SPEC CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$79,509.98

2150 SPEECH SERVICES

Salary	44,400.00
Speech Aide	14,514.00
Health Insurance Cert.	8,503.11
Health Insurance Non Cert.	5,915.94
Dental Insurance	346.80
Life Insurance	111.15
Retirement Certified	1,145.55
Retirement Non Certified	621.54
F.I.C.A.	4,326.56
Supplies	213.87
Speech Testing	591.66
Speech Books	69.34
Periodicals	176.65
TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES	\$80,936.17

2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION

Curriculum Development	742.85
Summer Curriculum Work	8,234.22
FICA	647.93
Tuition Reimbursement	16,947.00
Staff Development Stipend	775.00
In-Service Training	1,370.38
Staff Development Workshops	6,626.09
Workshops (Support Staff)	185.00
Staff Development Plan Revision	2,484.00
Professional Periodical & Books	1,443.97
TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$39,456.44

2220 LIBRARY AND EDUCATION MEDIA

Media Generalist	33,897.37
Librarian Aid	10,510.50
Substitute Librarian	30.00
Health Insurance Certified	8,500.40
Dental Insurance	346.80
Life Insurance	72.32
Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	1,000.00
Retirement-Certified	874.52
Retirement-Non-Certified	476.56
F.I.C.A.	3,476.56
Contracted Services	2,810.48
Repairs & Maintenance	173.35
General Supplies	662.96
A.V. Supplies	2,258.90
Library Books	8,175.33
Periodicals	1,438.69

Computer Software	9,827.59
New Equipment	1,777.00
New Furniture	0.00
Replacement of Equipment	366.04
Replacement of Furniture	0.00
TOTAL LIB & EDU MEDIA	\$86,675.37

2310 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES

F.I.C.A.	731.24
School Board Salaries	3,100.00
Moderator	200.00
Treasurer	3,900.00
Clerk	250.00
Secretary	1,250.00
Audit	2,966.00
Attorney & Negotiator	7,147.63
Advertising-Legal Notices	6,477.29
Other Expenses	8,260.48
Dues & Fees - SBA	3,144.81

TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES **\$37,427.45**

2320 EXPENSES S.A.U. #44 **\$180,381.21**

2410 PRINCIPAL

Principal's	67,148.00
Assistant Principal	49,893.00
Secretary	20,553.75
Clerk-Secretary Aide	16,646.00
Health Insurance (Principal)	10,042.85
Health Insurance (Asst. Principal)	0.00
Health Insurance (Non-Certified)	4,979.98
Dental Insurance (Principal)	1,110.36
Dental Insurance (Asst. Principal)	346.88
Life Insurance (Principal)	380.46
Life Insurance (Asst. Principal)	281.92
Disability Insurance-Princ.	141.03
Disability Insurance Asst. Princ.	104.76
Buy-Out Certified	1,000.00
Buy-Out Non Certified	1,000.00
Retirement (Principal)	1,735.41
Retirement (Asst. Principal)	1,314.84
Retirement (Non-Certified)	1,581.50
F.I.C.A.	12,071.37
Contracted Service	5,033.21
Telephone	5,503.76
Postage	1,347.81
Printing	231.96
Travel	131.78
Supplies & Forms	786.06
New Equipment	729.93

Dues and Fees	1,607.00
Graduation-Class Day Expenses	1,603.75
TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$207,307.37
2510 BOOKKEEPER	
Salary	23,674.00
Life Insurance	74.10
Buy-Out	1,000.00
Retirement	1,041.98
F.I.C.A.	1,941.93
Contracted Service	3,032.00
Postage	615.57
Travel Expenses	518.86
Supplies	1,050.14
Computer Supplies	271.73
TOTAL OFFICE OF BOOKKEEPER	\$33,220.31
2600 OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT	
Head Custodian's Salary	27,280.00
Custodian Salaries	78,780.00
Substitute & Overtime Custodian Salaries	5,861.17
Health Insurance	26,844.34
Dental Insurance	347.16
Retirement	3,936.20
F.I.C.A.	8,268.67
Water Testing	1,379.00
Septic Tank-Main.	3,341.85
Water	429.25
Rubbish Removal	4,018.16
Recycling	1,302.00
Fire Alarm Service	10,314.62
Clock & Bell Service	639.30
Repair & Maintenance-Heating	10,233.80
Repair & Maintenance-Equipment	829.68
Repair & Maintenance-Furn. & fix.	781.57
Repair & Maintenance-Grounds	4,120.42
Repair & Maintenance-Building	14,110.05
Contracted Service	5,678.64
Insurance on Building	16,406.00
Travel	201.83
General Supplies	13,853.44
Lumber Supplies	510.86
Hardware Supplies	1,352.34
Electrical Supplies	12,152.77
Plumbing Supplies	51.18
Electricity	34,657.45
Fuel Oil	14,227.59
Propane Gas	6,873.18
New Equipment	6,607.78
Replacement Equipment	1,036.14

Replacement Furniture	289.96
TOTAL OPERATION PLANT	\$316,716.40

2700 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Elementary	206,496.40
Athletic	1,392.79
High School Transportation	11,903.00
Special Education Transportation	70,263.92
Class-Field Trip Transportation	1,398.25

TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$291,454.36
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2900 INSURANCES, COMPENSTION, RETIRMENT

Admin.: Section 125 Plan	400.00
Worker's Compensation	5,852.01

TOTAL INSUR. COMP., RETIRE.	\$6,252.01
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4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS

Land Acquisition	275,000.00
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TOTAL FACILITIES ACQISITIONS	\$275,000.00
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5100 DEBT SERVICE

Payment of Principal	85,000.00
Payment of Interest	20,230.00

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$105,230.00
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BUDGET SUMMARY:

1100 REGULAR EDUCATION	\$3,665,714.11
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION	760,612.44
1400 CO-CURRICULAR	32,739.20
2110 TRUANT OFFICER	542.25
2120 GUIDANCE	90,590.71
2130 HEALTH SERVICES	38,095.18
2140 SPEC. CONT. SERVICES	79,509.98
2150 SPEECH SERVICES	80,936.17
2210 IMPROV. OF INST.	39,456.44
2220 LIBRARY & ED. MEDIA	86,675.37
2310 SCHOOL BOARD	37,427.45
2320 S.A.U. #44	180,381.21
2410 PRINCIPAL	207,307.37
2510 BOOKKEEPER	33,220.31
2600 OPERATION OF PLANT	316,716.40
2700 TRANSPORTATION	291,454.36
2900 INS., COMP., RET.	6,252.01
4000 FACILITIES AEQUISITIONS	275,000.00
5100 DEBIT SERVICE	105,230.00

SUMMARY TOTAL	6,327,860.96
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3100 FOOD SERVICE

Salaries-Food Service Director	\$21,786.09
Salaries-Food Service Workers	28,270.78

Health	8,800.42
Retirement	949.45
FICA	3,860.28
Education	1,038.28
Repairs to Equipment	396.69
Telephone	375.97
Transportation	69.00
Supplies	2,463.84
Food and Milk	55,792.22
Propane Gase	387.45
Equipment	60.94
Other Expenses	311.36
Dues & Fees	103.00
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	\$124,665.77

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENSES:

FY 01/02 OPERATING COST	\$6,327,860.96
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	124,665.77
WARRANT ARTICLE CAPITAL RESERVE	25,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,477,526.73

SCHOOL SALARIES

(Included in the Detailed Expenditures Section)

Janet Abbott	Teacher Grand 3	44,100.00
Melissa Abbott	Substitute	420.00
Cecil C. Abels	Substitute	780.00
Irene Abels	Substitute	2,107.50
Laura Adams	Teacher Grade 7	35,700.00
Diane Ashford	Lunch Room Monitor	900.00
Maragaret Auerbach	Substitute	4,470.00
Daniel Baker	Asst. Principal	50,961.96
James Bonneau	Tech. Director	35,699.82
Diane Bonneau	Substitute	150.00
Priscilla Bowlen	Teacher Grade 2	46,237.50
Melissa Broadbent	Substitute	240.00
Judy Brown	Substitute	1,090.00
Patricia Burnell	Substitute/Food Service	6,730.00
Susan Camire	Teacher Grade 3	29,225.00
Michelle Carter	Long Term Sub. Grade 8	22,113.17
Lindsey Cassidy	Substitute	750.00
Carol Chadwick	Special Ed Aide	10,164.00
Peggy Chingas	Special Ed. Aide	9,820.00
J. Davis Clarke	Substitute	120.00
Steven Colby	Teacher Grade 5	33,874.00

Ken Cook	Facilities	22,585.82
Mary Cook	Substitute	1,352.00
Shawn Costinatino	Substitute	120.00
Anne Cullen	Admin. Secretary	21,553.52
Gwen Cullen	Substitute	150.00
Kathryn Cunningham	Nurse	31,015.00
Larry Deater	Teacher Grade 8	29,281.00
Kathleen Demers	Tchr Speech/Language	44,475.00
Angie Dewhurst	Substitute	240.00
Audrey Dolan	Teacher Grade 4	34,449.00
Mark Dolan	School Board	600.00
Maureen Dolan	Substitute	30.00
Denis Doyon	Special Ed. Aide	10,222.00
Lauren Drown	Substitute	60.00
Cynthia Duffy	Special Ed. Aide	11,201.40
Jennifer Edgerly	Teacher Grade 4	42,151.00
Cheryl Eldredge	Substitute	360.00
Donna Franklin	Library/Media Aide	11,585.50
Ava Fujimoto-Strait	Teacher Grade 8	8,871.64
Allan Gahm	Teacher Grade 6	39,405.02
Eric Gale	Food Service	13,590.50
Lynn Garvin	Substitute	30.00
Beatrice Goodwin	Special Ed. Aide	11,492.00
Donna Goscinski	Teacher Grade 6	34,794.00
Ann Graham	Special Ed. Aide	4,830.00
Timothy Greenlaw	Substitute	150.00
Robin Grondin	Special Ed. Sec'y	13,440.00
Celynne Guilmette	Substitute	300.00
Kristen Hagman	Teacher Grade 7	20,112.25
Bradford Harris	Substitute	180.00
Linda Hartman	Teacher Special Ed.	39,825.00
Noel Hastings	Facilities	14,300.00
Laura Hebert	Admin Secretary	16,645.98
Rebecca Henry	Substitute	150.00
Darla Higgins	Teacher Grade 4	43,875.00
Leo Howard	Facilities	23,504.00
Paula Huppe	Special Ed Aide	8,060.00
Mary Irons	Teacher Grade 1	30,800.00
Richard Jenisch	Principal	67,265.16
Susan Johnson	Speech/Language Aide	15,889.00
Heather Kaloust	Teacher Kindergarten	26,725.00
Richard Kaufman	Guidance	28,416.00
Melissa Kerivan	Finance Manger	25,168.78
Jessie Kitz	Substitute	480.00
Linda Kopreski	Substitute	120.00

Robyn Krasko	Teacher Phys Ed	43,450.00
Kimberly Lachance	Teacher Music	32,578.00
Nancy L. Lake	Teacher Grade 3	45,375.00
Joanne P. Lang	School Board	700.00
Jane Laurion	Special Ed Aide	6,760.00
Nolan Lauze	Substitute	120.00
Carolyn Lefebvre	Special Ed Aide	13,071.40
R. Stephen Leighton	School Board	600.00
Janet Lewis	Substitute	240.00
Karen Libby	Special Ed Aide	7,060.00
Julia Lightner	Teacher Technology	30,456.00
Patricia M. Lucas	Special Ed Aide	8,977.25
Maureen Markham	Teacher Special Ed	43,451.00
Elizabeth Mason	Teacher Kindergarten	45,571.00
Heather Mason	Substitute	660.00
Nancy Mason	Guidance	44,207.50
Lorin McGovern	Substitute	570.00
George McKenney	Facilities	20,896.01
Heidi McKenney	Substitute	1,504.00
Colleen McMahon	Special Ed Aide	16,945.00
Brian Millar	Special Ed Aide	7,346.00
Courtney Moodie	Substitute	960.00
Jamie Nancarrow	Substitute	180.00
David Nix	Teacher Grade 5	43,950.00
Lina Ouelette	Lunch Room Monitor	3,048.00
Donna Paradis	Substitute	800.00
Robert Paradis	Facilities Mgr	28,091.66
Bruce Patrick	School Board	600.00
Deborah Perham	Substitute	150.00
Christine Perreault	Food Service	17,550.33
Sandra Pierce	Sch Dist Teas/Food Serv	8,660.65
Maryellen Plante	Teacher Grade 2	45,096.00
Carole Popovich	School District Secretary	1,500.00
Candice Ray	Special Ed Aide	11,024.00
Sharon Reed-Erickson	Long Term Sub. Grade 7	12,374.70
Joanne Riley	Substitute	4,090.00
Laurel Rodier	Teacher Grade 7	29,281.00
Shannon Rogers	Substitute	270.00
Julia Rowe	Substitute	2,680.00
Karen Sargent	Special Ed Aide	3,282.00
Maureen Sawicki	Teacher Grade 1	42,301.00
Julie Schraufnagel	Special Ed Aide	11,192.00
Tobias Shea	Substitute	360.00
Jennifer Snow	Teacher Grade 8	41,940.00
Diane St. Germain	Teacher Summer Literacy	1,575.00

Laure Stambaugh	Tchr Instrumental Music	31,769.00
Mary Lou Stano	Teacher Grade 5	45,175.00
Holly Stevens	Teacher Grade 2	32,873.00
Janice Stimmell	Teacher Grade 1	25,410.00
Susan Tanguay	Teacher Grade 7	44,699.98
Darlene Towle	Special Ed Aide	11,376.40
Heather Trask	Substitute	630.00
Hazel Turmelle	Food Service	11,085.39
Roger Turmelle	Substitute	30.00
Heather Tuttle	Substitute	150.00
Allen Unrein	Teacher Art	36,935.00
Jane Vachon	School Board	600.00
Maryann Veseskis-Esch	Special Ed Aide	7,236.00
Lynda Vogt	Teacher Special Ed	40,260.00
Nancy Vonwahlde	Tchr Summer Literacy	1,500.00
Kristine Vulner	Special Ed Aide	12,402.30
Cindy Walfield	Special Ed Aide	11,856.00
Valerie Weiss	Teacher Grade 6	28,382.50
Joyce Wheet	Substitute	930.00
Judith Whitcher	Teacher Special Ed	26,147.30
Rebecca Wiggin	Tchr Speech/Language	1,725.00
Susan J. Williams	Tchr Media Generalist	34,072.37
Susan M. Williams	Teacher Special Ed	34,761.00
Kurt Wuelper	School Board Moderator	200.00
Maria Wysocki	Substitute	750.00
Patricia Young	Tchr Reading Specialist	49,967.60
Ewa Zeoli	Tchr Foreign Language	44,705.00
Total '01-'02		2,301,626.86

These figures include all contracts, stipend and insurance, sickday buy-out payments.

**STRAFFORD SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
As of June 30, 2002**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash/Ck/Bk	\$504,400.54
InterGov't Rec	38,459.68
Other Receivables	305.68

Total Current Assets	\$543,165.90
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LIAB & FUND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Other Payables	340,195.61
Payroll Deductions	11,019.58

Total Current Liabilities	351,215.19
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FUND EQUITY

Res for Encumbrances	25,509.00
Unres Fund Balance	166,441.71

Total Fund Equity	191,950.71
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Total Liab & Fund Equity	543,165.90
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REVENUES

Revenue from Local Sources

Total Assessments	3,090,597.00
Tuition from all sources	7,376.00
Earnings on Investments	10,577.95
Other Revenue from Local Sources	4,632.67

Total Local Non-Tax Revenue	22,586.62
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Total Local Revenue	3,113,183.62
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

Adequacy Aid (Grant)	1,985,543.00
Adequacy Aid (State Tax)	1,252,638.64

Total Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	3,238,181.64
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School Building Aid	35,108.21
Kindergarten Building Aid	3,769.24
Other Restricted State Aid	2,391.16

Total Restricted Grants-in Aid	41,268.61
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Total Revenue from State Sources	3,279,450.25
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RESTRICTED GRANTS- IN-AID

Restricted Grants-In-Aid from Fed Gov't thru State	
Medicaid Distributions	27,649.34

Total Revenue from Federal Gov't	27,649.34
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/

Interfund Transfers	
Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assest	0.00

Total Other Financing Sources		\$0.00
Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources		6,420,283.21
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction Elem/HS		
Regular Programs	3,673,639.78	
Special Programs	759,732.14	
Other Instructional Programs	37,549.96	
Total Instructional Programs		4,470,921.88
SUPPORT SERVICES Elem/HS		
Student Services	288,391.57	
Instructional Staff	115,477.18	
General Administration SAU Level	234,605.51	
School Administration	207,306.74	
Business	33,220.09	
Operation/Maintenance of Plant	305,317.36	
Student Transportation	291,454.36	
Total Support Services		1,475,772.81
DISTRICT WIDE EXPENDITURES		
Facility Acquisition & Construction	275,000.00	275,000.00
OTHER FINANCING USES		
Debt Service - Principal	85,000.00	
Debt Service - Interest	20,230.00	
Fund Transfers - Trust Agency Funds	25,000.00	
Total Other Outlays and Financing Uses		130,230.00
Total Expenditures for All Purposes		6,351,924.69

2002 - 2003 SALARIES

EMPLOYEE	SALARY	POSITION
Jenisch, Richard	\$70,506.00	Principal
Baker, Daniel	50,891.00	Asst. Principal
Abbott, Janet	46,084.00	Elem. Gr. 3
Abels, Irene	11,848.81	Nurse (2.5 time)
Adams, Laura	37,355.00	Elem. Gr. 7
Blaisdell, Karen	25,540.00	Elem. Gr. 7
Camire, Susan	27,408.00	Elem. Gr. 3
Colby, Steven	33,039.00	Elem. Gr. 5
Crosier, Kristen	26,799.00	Elem. Gr. 8
Cunningham, Kathy	31,131.00	Nurse
Demers, Kathy	47,027.00	Speech/Language
Dolan, Audrey	37,355.00	Elem. Gr. 4
Edgerly, Jennifer	43,893.00	Elem. Gr. 4
Gahm, Allan	40,765.00	Elem. Gr. 6
Goscinski, Donna	35,833.00	Elem. Gr. 6
Hartmann, Linda	40,765.00	Special Ed. Tchr.
Heyliger, Lynne	32,071.00	Elem. Gr. 1
Higgins, Darla	45,695.00	Elem. Gr. 4
Irons, Mary	31,131.00	Elem. Gr. 1
Kaloust, Heather	27,408.00	Kindergarten
Kaufman, Richard	29,646.00	Guidance (3.5 time)
Krasko, Robyn	42,609.00	Physical Education
Lachance, Kimberly	32,071.00	Music
Lake, Nancy	45,695.00	Elem. Gr. 3
Lightner-Fredyma, Julia	30,367.00	Technology Tchr.
Markham, Maureen	44,359.00	Special Ed. Tchr.
Mason, Elizabeth	43,893.00	Kindergarten
Mason, Nancy	46,084.00	Guidance
Nix, D. Randall	45,695.00	Elem. Gr. 5
Plante, Mary Ellen	43,893.00	Elem. Gr. 2
Reed-Erickson, Sharon	49,411.00	Elem. Gr. 8
Rodier, Laurel	30,367.00	Elem. Gr. 7
Sawicki, Maureen	43,893.00	Elem. Gr. 2
Stevens, Holly	34,202.00	Elem. Gr. 2
Zeoli, Ewa	46,084.00	Foreign Language
Stambaugh, Laura	33,039.00	Instrumental Music
Stano, Mary Lou	45,695.00	Elem. Gr. 5
Stimmell, Janice	26,048.00	Elem. Gr. 1
Tanguay, Susan	47,027.00	Elem. Gr. 8
Unrien, Allen	37,355.00	Art
Vogt, Linda	42,609.00	Special Ed. Tchr.
Whitcher, Judith	26,048.00	Special Ed. Tchr.
Wiess, Valerie	29,622.00	Elem. Gr. 6
Wiggin, Rebecca	24,904.80	Speech/Lang. (80 %)
Williams, Susan M.	35,833.00	Special Ed. Tchr.
Williams, Susan J.	35,335.84	Media-Gen.
Woodward, Alan	26,048.00	Elem. Gr. 8
Young, Patricia	52,053.30	Reading Specialist

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
On Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General Purpose
Financial Statements

To the School Board
Strafford, New Hampshire School District

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated August 22, 2002.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Strafford, New Hampshire School District for the year ended June 30, 2002, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses

under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the School Board. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC
August 22, 2002

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2002

Last year I used this report as an opportunity to outline the role and functions of the SAU. I also indicated that I would continue this general theme in subsequent years elaborating more on specific areas, perhaps as they relate to current issues. One such area is to keep the Board and Community informed of all pertinent matters, and particularly those which may have broad-based and unanticipated effects on our districts fiscally and/or in the way we educated our children.

There is no doubt that the most current, and arguably the most critical issue is the Federal No Child Left Behind Act signed by President Bush in January 2002, and which is an unprecedented Federal involvement in local education.

In brief, the substance of the Act calls for increasing the achievement of all students through a comprehensive assessment system in English Language Arts, Math and Science, monitoring student achievement to determine if Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is being made, being accountable for student achievement and progress, and assuring that all students are taught by highly qualified teachers.

While these are noble and commendable goals with which few, if any, would argue, the details may well require a significant departure from the direction New Hampshire has taken with regard to assessment, certification and accountability and will almost certainly require a significantly increased per pupil expenditure of approximately \$500 per pupil based on initial estimates of the NH School Administrators Association.

To date, there are far more questions than answers. We are closely and continuously monitoring the implementation of this Act in New Hampshire with the purpose of maintaining compliance without premature and possibly unwise changes, of anticipating undesirable effects on the education of our children, and of avoiding unanticipated expenses.

If anyone is interested in more information please call the SAU office.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry C. Fensom, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent

**Strafford School District
Principal's Report
2002 - 2003**

Dear Citizens:

Strafford faces many critical educational issues as our community continues to grow and state and federal mandates increase. Those issues are many and varied and include increasing accountability, improving test scores, creating rigorous content standards, improving instruction, addressing facility upgrades, coping with lower state and federal revenues, and preparing for student population increases. These critical issues will require our community to come together to share ideas and solutions so that a clear vision for the future of our school can be identified. It will not be easy because there are no easy solutions to any of these problems, but the citizens of Strafford have consistently shown they are up to the challenge.

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 (NCLBA). Among other things, these new regulations demand that the State must develop "challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards" and that these standards must "contain coherent and rigorous content". Assessments used to determine student achievement must be of high quality and "consistent with relevant, nationally recognized professional and technical standards." Responding to these and other regulations will be challenging for educators everywhere. The state of NH is still in the process of determining how to meet the requirements of this comprehensive legislation. While we wait for guidance and direction from the State and Federal officials, Strafford School has already begun to develop plans to respond to these new standards. It will be an enormous task and will not be without controversy. Ultimately, these changes should lead to a higher level of accountability on the part of educators and parents and a higher level of achievement on the part of all our students.

Our school continues to closely examine test scores and other formal and informal data to strengthen both curriculum and instruction. Many initiatives are planned or are currently underway and all are designed to improve student achievement in the core curriculum areas. Our literacy initiative in K-3, supported by a series of grants, has allowed us to hire a Reading Recovery Teacher and a second Reading Specialist to provide direct and specialized instruction to struggling readers and to support classroom instruction in reading. The grant also support several courses for teachers providing training in effective teaching practices in reading. A second initiative, being planned by a diverse committee of teachers and parents, seeks funding to develop a K-8 writing curriculum and provide extensive training for teachers in writing over a three year period of time in conjunction with the University of New Hampshire. Middle school teachers are meeting this year with Coe-Brown Academy teachers in the core subject areas to better coordinate curriculum expectations and to share ideas and information on how well our students are doing in high school compared to their peer

group. Also, a course registration information session is being planned for 8th grade parents to provide information on course offerings and recommendations for students going on to Coe-Brown Academy. This initiative is planned, in part, to avoid some of the confusion that often arises over why students are recommended for certain freshman courses over others. The middle school math curriculum is being examined along with materials to support that program to determine whether a new math basal adoption needs to be considered. All new science materials have been introduced this year at every grade level. New and much needed science equipment is being proposed for purchase in next year's budget. The goal of both is to support a hands-on lab based approach to teaching science. These initiatives and others often require commitments of time well beyond the school day and school year. The Strafford School faculty has made that commitment and I would like to commend them for their efforts.

I am completing year fourteen (14) in Strafford and my 33rd year as an educator. I love our school, our students, our staff and our community more than ever but also clearly understand the need for our school to continually improve. I am sincerely proud of what we have already accomplished and equally proud of our commitment to future change. It is easy to take what we have built for granted. Our community has supported education at an impressive level but in these uncertain times, it will be necessary for us to balance what we want for our school with good fiscal management. As they always do, these issues will require much debate resulting in good fiscal management. As they always do, these issues will require much debate resulting in and difficult decisions. As we go through this process as a community, I ask that we never lose site of the hearts and minds of our children. They deserve and must build a better world for themselves and for future generations and we must provide them with the tools and the courage to do so.

On behalf of Mr. Baker and our entire staff, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our school. All of us look forward in working in partnership with all of you to address the challenges that are before us.

Richard A. Jenishch, Principal

Strafford School 2001-2002 Class Size Reduction Report

The Strafford School District utilized \$18,676.06 in Class Size Reduction funds to continue to hire a certified teacher to work part-time with first grade students. The primary grade level class sizes in Strafford are all reasonably small; consequently, the district chose to continue a coordinated program of small group language arts instruction in each of the first grade classrooms. The class size reduction teacher works with each of the first grade classroom teachers, reading recovery teacher (funded through Title I) and special education teachers to implement reading instruction to small groups of students four morning per week. Scores on assessments measuring student reading ability indicate significant progress by first graders through the school year.

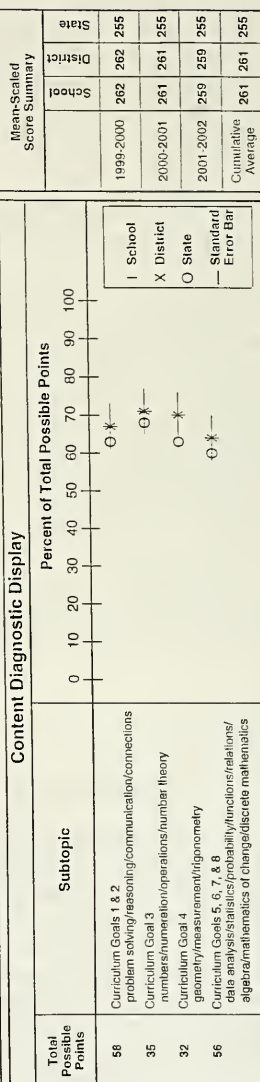


MATHEMATICS RESULTS

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Stratford Elementary School
 District: Stratford
 END-OF-GRADE THREE
 Grade: MAY 2002

Assessment Program	Proficiency Levels	Students at Each Proficiency Level							
		School				State			
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level are able to make estimations; use models to demonstrate mathematical concepts; have conclusions from information presented in charts and graphs; identify, classify, and compare geometric objects; measure accurately; construct simple charts and graphs; and recognize, describe, extend, and create a variety of patterns. They can accurately add, subtract, and multiply whole numbers in the same extent as proficient students. They have an understanding of fractions and decimals and can add and subtract decimals in everyday situations. They are able to solve problems and communicate their answers and problem-solving strategies clearly and consistently.	1999-00	6	11	6	11	9			
	2000-01	6	10	6	10	8			
	2001-02	8	14	8	14	10			
	Cumulative	7	12	7	12	9			
	Average	24		24		31			
Proficient: Students at this level are able to demonstrate an understanding of place value as well as the relationship between simple fractions and decimals; read charts and graphs; make measurements; and recognize and extend patterns. They can, with reasonable accuracy, add 1-digit whole numbers; subtract any 2-digit numbers; and multiply whole numbers up to 5. They are able to estimate and compute solutions to problems and communicate their understanding of mathematics.	1999-00	24	43	24	43	31			
	2000-01	28	47	28	47	31			
	2001-02	19	32	19	32	29			
	Cumulative	24		24		30			
	Average	24		24		30			
Basic: Students at this level are able to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of place value, fractional parts, geometry, and measurement. They can recognize and extend simple patterns and read uncomplicated charts and graphs. They are able to multiply whole numbers up to 5 and can add and subtract 1-digit whole numbers with ease. When adding or subtracting 2-digit whole numbers, regrouping (borrowing and carrying) presents a challenge. They demonstrate some skill in the application of mathematics to problem-solving situations but have difficulty communicating their solutions.	1999-00	24	43	24	43	36			
	2000-01	21	35	21	35	39			
	2001-02	22	37	22	37	41			
	Cumulative	22		22		39			
	Average	22		22		39			
Novice: Students at this level are able to add and subtract 1- and 2-digit whole numbers without regrouping (borrowing and carrying). However, they frequently make errors in these computations. They can recite whole number multiplication facts up to 5. Although they may have some knowledge of place value, fractions, geometry, and measurement, their understanding of these areas is extremely limited. They are unable to demonstrate the application of mathematical skills to problem-solving situations.	1999-00	2	4	2	4	22			
	2000-01	5	8	5	8	21			
	2001-02	10	17	10	17	19			
	Cumulative	6	10	6	10	21			
	Average	6		6		21			
Students Not Included in the Report	1999-00	0	0	0	0	2			
	2000-01	0	0	0	0	0			
	2001-02	0	0	0	0	0			
	Cumulative	0	0	0	0	1			
	Average								



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Strafford Elementary School
District: Strafford
Grade: END-OF-GRADE THREE
Date: MAY 2002

		Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough comprehension of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main and subordinate ideas, supporting details, and facts in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. They use comparisons and predictions to increase their level of understanding. They can draw conclusions and make critical judgments. Their responses are detailed and reflect careful thought. When writing, they communicate clearly and effectively. They can organize ideas, develop a topic, and supporting detail, and vary both sentence structure and vocabulary. They make few, if any, mechanical errors.		1999-00	5	9	5	9	9
		2000-01	7	12	7	12	8
		2001-02	7	12	7	12	8
		Cumulative Average	6	11	6	11	9
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of the materials they read, hear, and view. They are able to identify main ideas and draw conclusions from literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses show thought and are supported with some detail. When writing, they communicate competently and are able to adequately develop and support their ideas. Although they demonstrate a firm grounding in the mechanics of written expression, they may make some errors in spelling and grammar. However, these do not interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1999-00	16	29	16	29	29
		2000-01	21	35	21	35	29
		2001-02	23	39	23	39	33
		Cumulative Average	20	34	20	34	30
Basic: Students at this level are able to determine the literal meaning of the materials they read, hear, and view. They can identify clearly stated main ideas and use direct comparisons in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. Their responses are sometimes incomplete and are supported with few details. When writing, they communicate at a reasonable level. Although they employ both simple and more complex sentences, overall their work shows elementary organization, development, and use of detail. While they demonstrate a fundamental control of mechanics, they may make errors in spelling and grammar.		1999-00	22	39	22	39	37
		2000-01	16	27	16	27	34
		2001-02	18	31	18	31	35
		Cumulative Average	19	32	19	32	35
Novice: Students at this level are at the beginning of their literacy development. They extract limited meaning from what they read, hear, and view. Although they may be able to locate major details, they are often unable to identify clearly stated main ideas in literary, narrative, factual, informational, and practical works. When writing, they have difficulty communicating. While it may be related to the point they are trying to make, their written work is minimal and shows little organization, development, or use of detail. Errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar may interfere with a reader's ability to understand the text.		1999-00	12	21	12	21	22
		2000-01	16	27	16	27	28
		2001-02	11	19	11	19	24
		Cumulative Average	13	22	13	22	25
Students Not Included in the Report		1999-00	1	2	1	2	3
		2000-01	0	0	0	0	0
		2001-02	0	0	0	0	0
		Cumulative Average	0	1	0	1	1

		Mean-Scaled Score Summary			
		School	District	State	
Content Diagnostic Display	Total Possible Points				
	Subtopic				
	Reading and Literature				
	literary/narrative				
	content/informational				
	practical				
	Listening/Viewing				
	Writing				
		1999-2000	256	256	254
		2000-2001	256	256	252
		2001-2002	259	259	253
		Cumulative Average	257	257	253

SOCIAL STUDIES RESULTS

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Stratford Elementary School
District: Stratford
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 2002

	Students at Each Proficiency Level					
	Proficiency Levels			Students at Each Proficiency Level		
				School	District	State
				N	%	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can explain important ideas such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship or how supply, demand, and competition affect prices. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines, as well as an understanding of chronology, in defining and addressing problems. They integrate their knowledge of the social studies and apply it to the examination of relevant issues. They communicate their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.				1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 Cumulative Average	1 2 3 0 2	4 4 2 2 3
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can explain important ideas such as the rights and responsibilities of citizenship or how supply, demand, and competition affect prices. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and form conclusions based on data. They apply their knowledge of the social studies in relevant tasks and clearly communicate and explain their findings.				1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 Cumulative Average	11 16 8 12	18 20 13 17
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. They can describe people, places, and events as well as important ideas such as the relationship between geography and the development of population centers. They obtain information from maps, globes, graphs, charts, narratives, artifacts, and timelines and make appropriate conclusions based on data. They use their knowledge of the social studies to address straight-forward tasks and adequately communicate their findings.				1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 Cumulative Average	22 30 32 28	37 38 52 42
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate rudimentary understanding of information, concepts, and skills in history, geography, economics, and civics and government. For example, they recognize the importance of documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the New Hampshire Constitution, and the United States Constitution, are familiar with some specific facts, and are aware that the social studies are interrelated. Their ability to address straight-forward social studies tasks and communicate their findings is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.				1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 Cumulative Average	26 32 21 26	43 40 34 39
Students Not Included in the Report				1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 Cumulative Average	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0

Total Possible Points		Subtopic		Percent of Total Possible Points		Mean-Scaled Score Summary			
						School	District	State	
36	Curriculum Standards 1-4 civics and government					244	244	246	
36	Curriculum Standards 5-9 economics					244	244	245	
36	Curriculum Standards 10-15 geography					246	246	245	
36	Curriculum Standards 16-18 history					245	245	245	
48	Curriculum Standards 4, 9, 15, & 18 social studies uses					245	245	245	

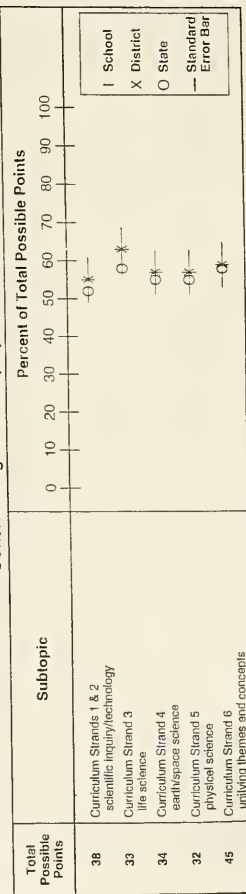
SCIENCE RESULTS

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Stratford Elementary School
District: Stratford
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 2002

		Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They recognize that the sciences are interrelated. They analyze, synthesize, and interpret data from experiments with several variables. They are aware of the limitations of science as well as its useful application in other areas. They use scientific knowledge and processes to solve problems. They employ a variety of forms, including text, graphs, figures, and diagrams, to communicate scientific information clearly and concisely.		1999-00	0	0	0	0	3
		2000-01	3	4	3	4	3
		2001-02	0	0	0	0	2
		Cumulative	1	2	1	2	3
		Average					
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They are familiar with procedures used in science, such as designing experiments, controlling variables, and selecting appropriate equipment. They draw conclusions from data presented in graphs and tables. They use their scientific knowledge to examine problems and identify advantages and disadvantages of proposed solutions. They clearly communicate and explain their understanding, problem-solving strategies, and solutions.		1999-00	10	17	10	17	15
		2000-01	19	24	19	24	18
		2001-02	10	16	10	16	17
		Cumulative	13	19	13	19	17
		Average					
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. They are familiar with methods used in science such as observation and classification. They obtain information from graphs and tables and draw obvious conclusions from data. They use their scientific knowledge to address straight-forward problems and adequately communicate their understanding and solutions.		1999-00	20	33	20	33	35
		2000-01	33	41	33	41	38
		2001-02	30	49	30	49	34
		Cumulative	28	41	28	41	36
		Average					
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of information, concepts, and skills from the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. For example, they are aware that scientific information is obtained from observations and experiments and are familiar with a number of specific facts. Their ability to address straight-forward scientific problems and communicate their solutions is uneven and limited by the extent of their knowledge.		1999-00	30	50	30	50	46
		2000-01	25	31	25	31	41
		2001-02	21	34	21	34	47
		Cumulative	25	38	25	38	45
		Average					
Students Not Included in the Report		1999-00	0	0	0	0	2
		2000-01	0	0	0	0	0
		2001-02	0	0	0	0	0
		Cumulative	0	0	0	0	1
		Average					

Content Diagnostic Display



Mean-Scaled Score Summary				
	School	District	State	
1999-2000	241	241	241	
2000-2001	248	248	244	
2001-2002	244	244	242	
Cumulative Average	245	245	242	



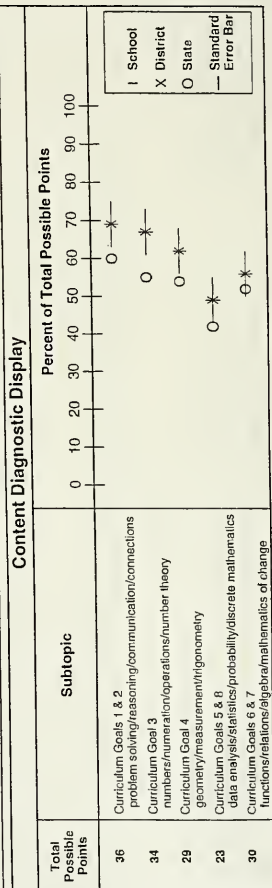
MATHEMATICS RESULTS

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Stratford Elementary School
 District: Stratford
 Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
 Date: MAY 2002

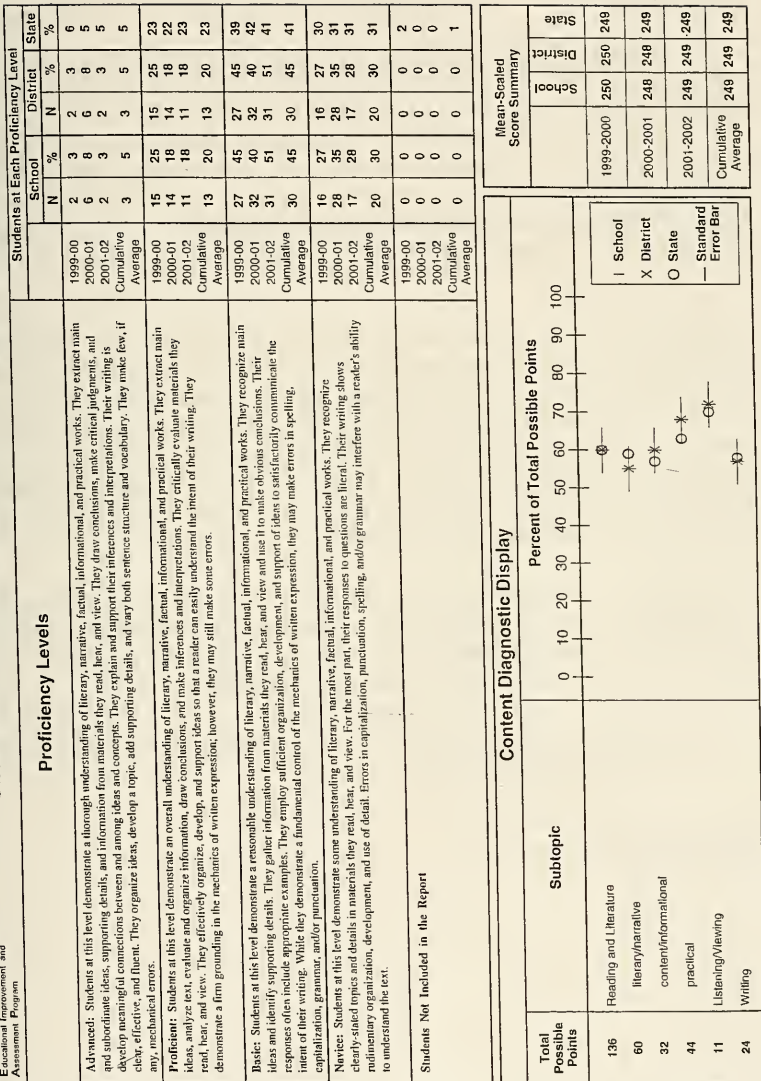
		Students at Each Proficiency Level					
		School			District		
		N	%	N	%	%	%
Proficiency Levels	Advanced: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They are able to use both physical and conceptual models, make connections between and among concepts, and use estimation to monitor the reasonableness of their work. Their mathematical reasoning and problem solving are systematic, direct, and thorough. They employ numbers, graphs, diagrams, examples, and generalizations to explain their conclusions and problem-solving strategies clearly and concisely.	1994-00	5	8	5	8	4
		2000-01	7	9	7	9	4
		2001-02	2	3	2	3	6
		Cumulative	5	7	5	7	5
		Average	5	7	5	7	5
Proficient: Students at this level demonstrate an overall understanding of mathematical concepts and skills. They make few, if any, errors in computation. They use tables and graphs to organize, present, and interpret data. They employ appropriate strategies to solve a wide range of problems. They clearly communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.		1994-00	18	30	18	30	23
		2000-01	19	24	19	24	22
		2001-02	30	49	30	49	22
		Cumulative	22	33	22	33	22
		Average	22	33	22	33	22
Basic: Students at this level demonstrate a reasonable understanding of fractions, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They accurately perform computations with whole numbers and decimals. They can read and construct graphs. They apply their mathematical knowledge and skills in addressing everyday situations and solving straight-forward problems. They adequately communicate their solutions and problem-solving strategies.		1994-00	23	38	23	38	39
		2000-01	35	44	35	44	42
		2001-02	19	31	19	31	45
		Cumulative	26	38	26	38	42
		Average	26	38	26	38	42
Novice: Students at this level demonstrate some understanding of fractions, decimals, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. They add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers with a fair degree of accuracy. They can obtain information from graphs. They display a limited ability to use their mathematical knowledge and skills to solve problems. Their explanations of their answers are brief and incomplete.		1994-00	14	23	14	23	32
		2000-01	19	24	19	24	32
		2001-02	10	16	10	16	28
		Cumulative	14	21	14	21	31
		Average	14	21	14	21	31
Students Not Included in the Report		1994-00	0	0	0	0	2
		2000-01	0	0	0	0	0
		2001-02	0	0	0	0	0
		Cumulative	0	0	0	0	1
		Average	0	0	0	0	1

		Mean-Scaled Score Summary			
		Score Summary			State
		School	District	State	
		1994-2000	255	255	248
		2000-2001	253	253	248
		2001-2002	257	257	250
		Cumulative Average	255	255	249



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS RESULTS
GENERAL ASSESSMENT

School: Stratford Elementary School
District: Stratford
Grade: END-OF-GRADE SIX
Date: MAY 2002



2002 STRAFFORD SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

The changes proposed for our health care system indicate that the school nurse plays an integral role in the delivery of expanded health care services to students and other family members. At the same time, our school population is growing. On opening day in August '02 we had 554 students. That number has increased by 100 students in the past nine years.

The number of students and their varying needs presents several complex challenges. A kindergartner or first grader's needs are more geared to abrasions, fevers, earaches and homesickness. They need first aid, tender loving care, and referrals when appropriate. On the other hand, an 8th grader will incur more soft tissue strains/sprains, complaints of headaches and cramps, and have more emotional needs, which they may not even recognize. Many students with chronic illnesses require ongoing nursing monitoring and intervention. Assessing and treating ill and injured students remains an ongoing priority along with prevention of illness and injury, and health maintenance.

In caring for the individual student, often assessing the entire environment that makes up his or her world needs to be included. With over 13,000 student visits and at least 2000 parent contracts this year, that is a challenge that requires strong teamwork. The team begins with the family, neighbors, emergency contacts, and friends. It involves everyone at school who comes into contact with the children, including the principal, all teachers, cafeteria staff, custodians, counselors and myself. It includes community resources such as the family physician, specialists such as audiologists, and social services.

A program called New Hampshire Healthy Kids has been created to provide quality health and dental care. It is low cost or even free health/dental coverage for any uninsured child in the state. They have a toll free telephone number; 1-877-464-2447 and I still have information available in my office.

I continue to be available to everyone for any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn D. Cunningham, RN
Strafford School Nurse

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
September 30, 2002

Your report of appropriations voted and property taxes to be raised for the 2002-2003 school year has been approved on the following basis:

Total Appropriation	\$7,392,499.70
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Revenues and Credits Available to Reduce School Taxes

Unreserved Fund Balance	\$166,441.71
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Revenue From State Sources:

School Building Aid	35,108.21
Catastrophic Aid	455.00
Child Nutrition	1,992.00

Local Revenue Other Than Taxes

Tuition	7,000.00
Earnings on Investments	10,000.00
Food Service Receipts	82,577.20
Other Local Sources - Rentals	3,000.00

Revenue From Federal Source

Child Nutrition	25,841.00
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Total Appropriation	\$ 7,392,499.70
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Total Revenue and Credits	332,415.12
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District Assessment	7,060,084.58
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State Education Grant	\$1,950,080.00
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State Education Tax	\$1,306,009.00
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION UNIT #44
2002-2003 District Share of SAU Budget

District	2001 Equalized Valuation	2001-2002 Valuation Percent	ADM in Attendance	Pupils Percent	Combined Percent	2003-2004 District Share	02-03 District Share
Northwood	276,094,283	31.38%	488.5	32.31%	63.69%	215,349.63	215,352.48
Nottingham	324,194,073	36.85%	471.4	31.18%	68.03%	230,012.83	221,579.35
Strafford	279,447,405	31.76%	552.2	36.52%	68.28%	230,882.42	222,421.85
Total	879,735,761	100.00%	1512.1	100.00%	200.00%	676,244.88	659,353.68

School Administrative Unit #44
2001-2002 Salaries

Superintendent	\$82,216.78
Special Ed. Director	59,949.74
Asst. Special Ed. Director	50,050.28
Business Administrator	56,000.00
Grant Writer (Part-Time)	24,000.00

STRAFFORD SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

Account	Interest Rate	Amount as of 7/01/01	Additions	Interest Earned	Withdrawals	Amount as of 6/30/02
MBA NH-01-0487-0007	Variable	\$150,624.15	\$25,000.00	\$3,801.11	0.00	\$179,425.26
Total		\$150,624.15	\$25,000.00	\$3,801.11	0.00	\$150,624.15

STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed 2003-2004 Budget
School District Meeting
March 5, 2003

				2002-2003 Approved	2003-2004 Proposed
1100	100		REGULAR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:		
1100	110	20.1	COMPENSATION:		
1100	110	20.2	Teacher Salaries:	\$1,312,357.90	\$1,310,443.30
1100	110	20.2	Technology Teacher:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100	110	20.3	Director Of Technology:	\$37,214.00	\$39,074.36
1100	110	20.4	Discipline Management and Educat	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
1100	110	90	Lunch Room Monitor:	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
1100	110	90	Must Monitor		\$0.00
1100	110		Bus Monitors	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
1100	120	20	Substitute Teacher Salaries:	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
1100	121	20	Tutor Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1100	200		BENEFITS:		
1100	211		Health Insurance: (Cert.)	\$217,472.00	\$184,839.57
1100	212		Dental Insurance:	\$12,484.80	\$9,850.41
1100	213		Life Insurance:	\$3,442.98	\$3,442.25
1100	219	20	Buy-Out	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
1100	232	20	Retirement (Certified):	\$33,987.83	\$34,859.70
1100	231	40	Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$1,540.66	\$2,305.39
1100	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$107,862.85	\$108,164.70
1100	290		Sick Day Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1100	313		Criminal Record Checks	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
1100			OTHER EXPENSES:		
1100	321		Contracted Service Inst. & Choral A	\$0.00	
1100	430		Repairs and Maintenance:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1100	442		Contracted Services:	\$5,799.00	\$6,000.00
1100	500		OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES		
1100	550		Printing	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
1100	561		Tuition-Other Public Schools:	\$60,104.00	\$41,325.00
1100	563		Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$2,277,720.00	\$2,633,440.00
1100	610		SCHOOL SUPPLIES:		
1100	610	2	Art Supplies:	\$3,800.00	\$4,200.00
1100	610	5	Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$400.00	\$2,500.00
1100	610	6	Foreign Language Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
1100	610	8	Health Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100	610	8.1	Health-P.E. Supplies:	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
1100	610	8.2	Project Adventure:	\$500.00	\$300.00
1100	610	11	Math Supplies:	\$2,200.00	\$1,400.00
1100	610	12.1	Music Supplies:	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
1100	610	12.2	Instrumental Music & Choral Suppl	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
1100	610	13	Science Supplies:	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
1100	610	14	STC/Science Supplies		\$1,600.00
1100	610	15	Social Studies Supplies:	\$200.00	\$600.00
1100	610	16	Computer Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
1100	610	18-1	Consumable Supplies:	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00

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1100	610	18-2	General Supplies:	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
1100	610	18-4	AV Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
1100	610	18-5	Testing Supplies:	\$3,000.00	\$4,200.00
1100	640		CLASSROOM TEXTS:		
1100	640	1.1	Textbook Adoption	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
1100	640	1.2	Classroom Texts	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
1100	640	2	Classroom Workbooks:	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00
1100	640	3	Classroom Supplemental Books:	\$6,500.00	\$4,500.00
1100	640	4	Classroom Reference Books:	\$400.00	\$400.00
1100	640	5	Classroom Periodicals:	\$500.00	\$800.00
1100	700		Equipment and Furniture:		
1100	733	1	New Equipment:	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00
1100	733	1.2	Science Equipment		\$6,500.00
1100	733	2	New Furniture:	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
1100	734		Computer Technology Equipment:	\$19,500.00	\$12,000.00
1100	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$500.00	\$500.00
1100	810		Dues and Fees:	\$3,700.00	\$2,100.00
1100			TOTAL REG ED PROGRAMS:	\$4,257,086.02	\$4,559,194.68
1200			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:		
1200	100		SALARIES:		
1200	110	20	Special Education Teacher Salaries	\$189,614.00	\$189,614.00
1200	110	40	Special Education Teacher Aide Sa	\$166,004.65	\$191,418.15
1200	110	50	Special Education Secretary:	\$11,970.00	\$14,297.30
1200	120	20	Substitute Spe Ed Teacher Salaries:	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00
1200	120	20.1	Substitute Aide Salaries	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
1200	120	20.2	Special Education Extended Yr. Prc	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
1200	120	20.3	Special Education Extended Yr. Program 9-12:		\$5,000.00
1200	121	20	Special Education Tutor Salaries:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1200	200		BENEFITS:		
1200	211	20	Health Insurance (Certified Staff):	\$19,076.67	\$21,196.43
1200	211	40	Health Insurance (Non-Certified St	\$52,729.62	\$55,574.79
1200	212		Dental Insurance:	\$1,734.00	\$1,459.32
1200	213		Life Insurance:	\$487.79	\$487.79
1200	219	20	Buy-Out (Certified)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1200	219	40	Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	\$7,000.00	\$9,800.00
1200	232	20	Retirement (Certified Staff):	\$4,969.44	\$5,085.01
1200	231	40	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$7,657.95	\$10,722.58
1200	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$30,951.03	\$32,139.92
1200	300		OTHER EXPENSES:		
1200	300	1	Contracted Service Evaluation	\$2,000.00	\$2,120.00
1200	310		Contracted Services:Medicaide Adr	\$3,000.00	\$3,150.00
1200	320	40.1	Special Education Teacher Aide Salaries High School:		\$115,477.00
1200	430		Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$105.00
1200	550		Printing	\$800.00	\$800.00
1200	561		Spe Ed Tuition-Other Public Schoo	\$10,000.00	\$1,500.00
1200	563		Spe Ed Tuition-Coe Brown:	\$232,154.00	\$189,061.00
1200	569		Spe Ed Tuition-Non-Public Schools	\$190,000.00	\$293,924.00
1200	610		SPE ED SCHOOL SUPPLIES:		
1200	610	2	Art Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	5	Lang Arts-Reading Supplies:	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
1200	610	8	Health-P.E. Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	11	Math Supplies:	\$125.00	\$350.00

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1200	610	12	Music Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	13	Science Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	15	Social Studies Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	16	Computer Supplies:	\$200.00	\$200.00
1200	610	18.1	Consumable Supplies:	\$125.00	\$250.00
1200	610	18.2	General Supplies:	\$1,100.00	\$100.00
1200	610	18.3	Office Supplies	\$175.00	\$175.00
1200	610	18.4	A. V. Supplies:	\$700.00	\$700.00
1200	610	18.5	Testing Supplies:	\$800.00	\$600.00
1200	610	19.1	Counseling Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	19.2	Remedial Reading Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200	610	19.3	Speech Supplies:	\$0.00	\$0.00

1200	640		SPE ED CLASSROOM TEXTS:		
1200	640	1	Spe Ed Classroom Textbooks:	\$500.00	\$800.00
1200	640	2	Spe Ed Classroom Workbooks:	\$125.00	\$350.00
1200	640	3	Spe Ed Classroom Supplemental Te	\$1,300.00	\$500.00
1200	640	4	Spe Ed Classroom Reference Book:	\$100.00	\$300.00

1200	640	5	Classroom Periodicals:	\$0.00	\$0.00
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1200	700		Equipment and Furniture:		
1200	733	1	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$200.00
1200	733	2	New Furniture:	\$400.00	\$0.00
1200	734		Computer Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
1200	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$50.00	\$50.00
1200	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00

1200	810		Dues and Fees:	\$100.00	\$100.00
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1200			TOTAL SPE EDU PROGRAMS:	\$960,349.15	\$1,169,407.49
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1400			OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:		
1400	100		SALARIES:		
1410	110	2	Enrichment:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1410	110	3	Co-Curricula:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
1410	110	4	Extra Curricular:	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00
1410	110	6	Substitute Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1400	200		BENEFITS:		
1400	232		Retirement (Certified):	\$156.09	\$0.00
1400	231		Retirement (Non-Certified):	\$82.80	\$0.00
1400	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$615.83	\$615.83

1400	300		Contracted Services:		
1410	500		Contracted Services-Special Events	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1410	580		Travel Expenses Browne Center 8 C	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
1410	610	20.1	Co-Curricula Supplies:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1410	610	20.2	Enrichment Supplies:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1410	810		Dues and Fees:	\$500.00	\$500.00
1420	110		Athletic:	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
1420	430		Repairs and Maintenance:	\$200.00	\$200.00
1420	500	1	Officials-Umpires-Referees:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1420	500	2	Scoreboard	\$500.00	\$500.00
1420	610	8	Athletic Supplies:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
1430			Summer School: Literacy Connecti	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
1400			TOTAL OTHER INSTRUC. PROC	\$33,804.72	\$33,065.83

2110			ATTENDANCE:		
2112	110		Truant Officer - stipend:	\$500.00	\$500.00
2112	220		FICA	\$38.25	\$38.25
2112	231		Retirement (non-cert)		\$29.50

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2110		TOTAL ATTENDANCE:	\$538.25	\$567.75
2120		GUIDANCE SERVICES:		
2120	110	Guidance Salaries:	\$75,730.60	\$75,730.60
2120		BENEFITS:		
2120	211	Health Insurance:	\$9,420.39	\$10,693.29
2120	212	Dental Insurance:	\$549.80	\$583.73
2120	213	Life Insurance:	\$191.73	\$191.73
2120	232	Retirement (Certified):	\$1,953.85	\$1,216.62
2120	220	F.I.C.A.:	\$5,793.39	\$5,793.39
2120		OTHER EXPENSES:		
2120	330	Contracted Services- Testing:	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00
2120	610	Guidance Supplies:	\$200.00	\$200.00
2120	610	18 AV Supplies	\$800.00	\$800.00
2120	640	1 Guidance Books:	\$500.00	\$500.00
2120	640	2 Guidance Periodicals:	\$175.00	\$175.00
2120	810	Guidance Dues and Fees:	\$500.00	\$800.00
2120		TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES:	\$98,314.76	\$99,484.36
2130	100	HEALTH SERVICES SALARIES:		
2130	110	20 Nurse's Salary:	\$31,131.00	\$31,131.00
2130	110	20.3 Part time Nurse	\$11,848.00	\$11,848.81
2130	120	Substitute Nurse's Salary:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2130		BENEFITS:		
2130	211	20 Health Insurance: (Certified)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	211	40 Health Insurance: (Non Certified)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	212	Dental Insurance:	\$346.80	\$364.83
2130	213	Life Insurance:	\$78.45	\$78.45
2130	219	20 Buy-Out: (Certified)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2130	232	20 Retirement: (Certified)	\$1,134.66	\$848.26
2130	231	40 Retirement: (Non Certified)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	220	F.I.C.A.: (Certified)	\$3,440.89	\$3,440.96
2130	300	Contracted Services:		
2130	300	Contracted Services-Staff Physicals	\$200.00	\$200.00
2130	400	Contracted Services:	\$250.00	\$250.00
2130		OTHER EXPENSES:		
2130	430	Repairs and Maintenance-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2130	580	Travel Expenses-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2130	600	Health Supplies-Nurse:	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
2130	640	1 Health Textbooks-Nurse:	\$100.00	\$200.00
2130	640	2 Health Periodicals-Nurse:	\$75.00	\$75.00
2130	650	Computer Supplies	\$900.00	\$0.00
2130	700	Equipment and Furniture:		
2130	733	1 New Equipment:	\$200.00	\$275.00
2130	733	2 New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	737	1 Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	737	2 Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130	810	Dues and Fees:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2130		TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES:	\$53,704.80	\$52,712.30
2140		SPECIAL CONTRACTED SERVICES:		
2140	310	5 Contracted Service - ESL	\$30,000.00	\$31,800.00
2140	310	6 Contracted Service - Hearing Impaired		\$25,918.00
2140	330	Pre-School Diagnostic Unit:	\$1,128.13	\$1,195.82
2162	323	Contracted Physical Therapy:	\$11,239.59	\$11,913.97
2163	323	Contracted Occupational Therapy:	\$39,427.57	\$41,793.22

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2190	323		Strafford Learning Center Members	\$4,631.00	\$4,908.86
2140			TOTAL SPEC CONTRACTED SE	\$86,426.29	\$117,529.87
2150	110		SPEECH SERVICES:		
2150	110	20	Speech Salary:	\$47,027.00	\$47,027.00
2150	110	20.2	Speech Pathologist Part-Time	\$24,904.40	\$24,904.80
2150	110	20	Speech Services High School		\$16,888.00
2150	110	40	Speech Assistant	\$15,925.00	\$16,307.20
2150			BENEFITS:		
2150	211	20	Health Insurance: Cert.	\$10,691.33	\$9,847.87
2150	211	40	Health Insurance: Non Cert.	\$7,453.63	\$8,281.90
2150	212	20	Dental Insurance:	\$346.80	\$364.83
2150	219		Buy-Out: Cert.	\$800.00	\$800.00
2150	213	20	Life Insurance:	\$181.27	\$181.27
2150	232	20	Retirement Certified:	\$1,876.47	\$1,920.12
2150	231	40	Retirement Non Certified	\$659.30	\$962.12
2150	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$6,782.21	\$6,811.48
2150			Supplies:		
2150	610	1	Speech Supplies:	\$600.00	\$300.00
2150	610	2	Speech Testing Supplies:	\$400.00	\$700.00
2150	630		Speech Books	\$200.00	\$200.00
2150	640		Periodicals		\$0.00
2150	733	1	Speech New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2150	737	2	Speech Furniture	\$0.00	\$0.00
2150			TOTAL SPEECH SERVICES:	\$117,947.41	\$135,596.60
2210			IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION:		
2210	112	1	Curriculum Development/Revision:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2210	112	2	Summer Curriculum Work	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
2210	220		FICA	\$1,398.04	\$994.50
2210	232	20	Retirement	\$530.89	\$0.00
2210	319	1	Staff Development Stipend:	\$775.00	\$775.00
2210	319	2	Teacher Recognition Stipends:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2210	640	1	Professional Books:	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
2213	240	20	Course Tuition Reimbursement:	\$22,400.00	\$22,400.00
2213	240	40	Tuition (Support Staff):	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
2213	322	1	In-Service Training:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2213	322	2	Staff Development Workshops:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2213	322	3	Evaluation Plan Revision	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
2213	322	4	Workshops (Support Staff):	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
2210			TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INS	\$55,303.93	\$55,069.50
2220			LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA:		
2220	100		SALARIES:		
2220	110	20	Librarian-Salary:	\$35,335.84	\$35,335.84
2220	110	40	Librarian Aide-Salary:	\$11,274.90	\$11,720.80
2220	120	20	Librarian Substitute-Salary:	\$250.00	\$250.00
2220			BENEFITS:		
2220	211	20	Health Insurance Certified:	\$10,691.33	\$11,879.30
2220	211	40	Health Insurance Non-Certified:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2220	212	20	Dental Insurance:	\$346.80	\$364.83
2220	213	20	Life Insurance:	\$83.26	\$89.05
2220	219	40	Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2220	232	20	Retirement-Certified:	\$911.66	\$932.87
2220	232	40	Retirement-Non-Certified:	\$508.18	\$750.53
2220	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$3,661.35	\$3,695.46
2220			OTHER EXPENSES:		

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2220	440		Repairs and Maintenance	\$500.00 \$500.00
2220	442		Contracted Services	\$2,500.00 \$3,000.00
2220	610	18-2	Library General Supplies:	\$700.00 \$700.00
2220	610	18-4	Library A.V. Supplies:	\$2,500.00 \$2,500.00
2220	640	1	Library Books:	\$7,000.00 \$7,000.00
2220	640	2	Library Periodicals:	\$1,200.00 \$1,000.00
2220	650		Computer Software Supplies:	\$8,000.00 \$13,000.00
2220	700		Equipment and Furniture:	
2220	733	1	New Equipment:	\$1,000.00 \$0.00
2220	733	2	New Furniture:	\$0.00 \$0.00
2220	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$500.00 \$500.00
2220	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00 \$0.00
2220			TOTAL LIB & EDU MEDIA:	\$87,963.32 \$94,218.67
2310			SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES:	
2310	119	10	School Board-Salaries:	\$3,100.00 \$3,100.00
2311	119	10	School District Moderator-Salary:	\$100.00 \$100.00
2312	119	50-1	School District Clerk-Salary:	\$250.00 \$250.00
2312	119	50-2	School District Secretary-Salary:	\$1,500.00 \$1,500.00
2313	119	10	School District Treasurer-Salary:	\$3,900.00 \$3,900.00
2310			OTHER EXPENSES:	
2310	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$677.03 \$677.03
2310	810		Dues and Fees-School Board's Assc	\$2,809.66 \$2,893.95
2311	540		Advertising-Legal Notices:	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00
2317	330	30	Contracted Services-School District	\$3,065.00 \$3,095.00
2318	330	30	Contracted Services-Attorney & Ne	\$2,000.00 \$2,000.00
2319	800		Other Expenses:	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00
2310			TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD SERVI	\$19,401.69 \$19,515.97
2321			EXPENSES-S.A.U. # 44:	\$222,421.85 \$230,882.42
2410			OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL:	
2410			COMPENSATION:	
2410	110	10.1	Principal's Salary:	\$70,506.00 \$72,621.18
2410	110	10.2	Assistant Principal:	\$50,891.00 \$52,417.73
2410	110	50.1	Secretary Salary:	\$21,341.25 \$21,656.25
2410	110	50.2	Secretary Salary:	\$17,507.00 \$17,937.50
2410	211	1-Oct	Health Insurance (Principal):	\$12,578.04 \$13,975.65
2410	211	2-Oct	Health Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$0.00 \$0.00
2410	211	50	Health Insurance (Non-Certified St	\$6,240.10 \$6,933.42
2410	212	1-Oct	Dental Insurance (Principal):	\$1,110.36 \$1,168.10
2410	212	2-Oct	Dental Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$346.80 \$364.83
2410	212	50	Dental Insurance (Non-Certified St	\$0.00 \$0.00
2410	213	1-Oct	Life Insurance (Principal):	\$338.43 \$355.35
2410	213	2-Oct	Life Insurance (Asst. Principal):	\$251.46 \$256.49
2410	213	50	Life Insurance (Non-Certified Staff	\$0.00 \$0.00
2410	214	1	Disability Insurance	\$168.00 \$0.00
2410	214	2	Disability Insurance	\$140.00 \$0.00
2410	219	20	Buy-Out (Certified)	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00
2410	219	50	Buy-Out (Non-Certified)	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00
2410	232	1-Oct	Retirement (Principal):	\$1,819.05 \$1,917.20
2410	232	2-Oct	Retirement (Asst. Principal):	\$1,338.79 \$1,410.23
2410	231	50	Retirement (Non-Certified Staff):	\$1,649.72 \$2,395.03
2410	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$12,411.76 \$12,747.40
2410			OTHER EXPENSES:	

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2410	430		Repairs and Maintenance:	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
2410	442		Contracted Service:	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2410	531		Telephone:	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
2410	534		Postage:	\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00
2410	550		Printing:	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2410	580		Travel Expenses:	\$500.00	\$500.00
2410	610	18.2	Supplies and Forms:	\$250.00	\$250.00
2410	650		Computer Software System Supplie	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

2410	700		Equipment and Furniture:		
2410	733	1	New Equipment:	\$0.00	\$500.00
2410	733	2	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2410	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00

2410	810		Dues and Fees:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2490	890		Graduation-Class Day Expenses:	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
2410			TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$226,487.76	\$235,906.36

OFFICE OF SCH DIST BOOKKEEPER:

2510	110		School District Bookkeeper-Salary:	\$24,678.00	\$25,911.90
2510			BENEFITS:		
2510	211		Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$9,782.95
2510	212		Dental Insurance:	\$346.80	\$364.83
2510	213		Life Insurance:	\$75.60	\$75.60
2510	219	20	Buy-Out	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
2510	231		Retirement:	\$1,063.07	\$1,528.80
2510	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$1,964.37	\$1,982.26
2510			OTHER EXPENSES:		
2510	430		Repairs and Maintenance:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2510	442		Contracted Service: (Copier & Post)	\$2,600.00	\$2,800.00
2510	534		Postage:	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
2510	580		Travel Expenses:	\$500.00	\$500.00
2510	610	1	Supplies:	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
2510	610	2	Computer Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
2510	810		Dues & Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
2510	700		Equipment and Furniture:		
2510	733	1	New Equipment:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2510	733	2	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2510	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2510	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2510			TOTAL OFFICE OF BOOKKEEPER	\$35,227.84	\$45,746.34

2600 OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:

2620	110	90.1	Head Custodian's Salary:	\$28,644.00	\$30,076.20
2620	110	90.2	Custodian-Salaries:	\$82,719.00	\$94,224.00
2620	110	90.3	Community use of Building Part-Time	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
2620	120		Substitute & Overtime Custodian-S	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

2600 BENEFITS:

2620	211		Health Insurance:	\$33,627.56	\$37,219.28
2620	212		Dental Insurance:	\$346.80	\$364.83
2620	213		Life Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2620	231		Retirement:	\$4,610.43	\$7,333.71
2620	220		F.I.C.A.:	\$9,207.77	\$10,197.47

2600	400		Repairs and Maintenance:		
2620	429		Laundry & Dry Cleaning:	\$300.00	\$300.00
2620	430	1	Repairs and Maintenance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2620	430	2	Repairs and Maintenance-Heating & Cooling	\$6,500.00	\$8,000.00
2620	430	3	Repairs and Maint-Equipment:	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00

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2620	430	4	Repairs and Maint-Furniture & Fix.	\$750.00	\$750.00
2630	430	5	Repairs and Maint-Grounds:	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
2620	430	6	Repairs and Maint-Building:	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
2620	442		Pagers	\$600.00	\$600.00
2620	520		Insurance Premium On Bldg & Con	\$16,878.40	\$21,098.00
2620	580		Travel Expenses:	\$200.00	\$300.00
2600			SUPPLIES:		
2620	610	1	Supplies-General Custodial:	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
2620	610	2	Supplies-Glass:	\$500.00	\$500.00
2620	610	3	Supplies-Lumber:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2620	610	4	Supplies-Hardware:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
2620	610	5	Supplies-Electrical:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2620	610	6	Supplies-Plumbing:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2620			UTILITIES:		
2620	411		Water (bottled)	\$400.00	\$400.00
2620	622		Electricity:	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
2620	623		Propane Gas:	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2620	624		Fuel Oil:	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
2600	700		Equipment and Furniture:		
2620	733	1	New Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
2620	733	2	New Furniture:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2620	737	1	Replacement of Equipment:	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
2620	737	2	Replacement of Furniture:	\$250.00	\$2,500.00
2600	300		Contracted Services:		
2630	421	1	Contracted Service-Rubbish Remov	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
2630	421	2	Recycling	\$1,260.00	\$1,400.00
2630	422		Snow Removal:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2660	430	1	Contracted Service-Fire Alarm Serv	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2660	430	2	Contracted Service-MasterClock &	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2660	430	3	Security System	\$800.00	\$800.00
2690	410		State Mandated-Water Testing:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
2690	411		Contracted Service-Septic Tank Ma	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2600			TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINT	\$319,093.96	\$351,563.49
2700			PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:		
2721	519	1	Elementary School Transportation:	\$210,763.00	\$215,001.00
2721	519	2	High School Transportation:	\$12,149.00	\$12,393.00
2722	519		Special Education Transportation:	\$73,882.00	\$44,500.00

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2723	519		Vocational Transportation:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2724	519		Athletic Transportation:	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
2725	519	1	Class-Field Trip Transportation:	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
2725	519	2	Co-curricular:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700			TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATI	\$302,294.00	\$277,394.00

2811			PLANNING SERVICES		
			Cooperative School District Plannir	\$0.00	\$0.00
2820			TOTAL PLANNING SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00

2900			INSURANCES, COMPENSATION, RETIREMENT:		
2900	211		Health Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	212		Dental Insurance:	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	213		Life Insurance:	\$100.00	\$100.00
2900	219		Administrative: Section 125 Plan	\$400.00	\$400.00
2900	250		Unemployment Compensation:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
2900	260		Worker's Compensation:	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
2900			TOTAL INSUR., COMP., RETIRE	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00

4000			FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONS:		
			Kindergarten Facility Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000			Purchase of Land	\$206,000.00	\$0.00
4100 WA 3-02			Land Development	\$36,500.00	\$0.00
4300 WA 3-02			Air Quality Study	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
			TOTAL FACILITIES ACQUISITI	\$262,500.00	\$0.00

5100			DEBT SERVICE:		
5100	830		Payment of Interest:	\$14,400.00	\$8,670.00
5100	910		Payment of Principal:	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
5100			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$99,400.00	\$93,670.00

5251			Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$25,000.00	
			TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00

3100			Food Service Program:		
3120	110	1	Salaries-Food Service Director:	\$23,648.00	\$24,357.44
3120	110	2	Salaries-Food Service Workers:	\$28,221.75	\$28,971.00
3120	120		Substitute	\$500.00	\$500.00
3120	211		Health	\$12,029.72	\$8,190.08
3120	231		Retirement	\$979.03	\$1,437.09
3120	219	20	Buy-Out	\$0.00	\$0.00
3120	220		FICA	\$4,006.29	\$4,117.88
3120	310		Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
3120	329		Education	\$1,640.90	\$1,000.00
3120	430		Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
3120	580		Transportation	\$225.00	\$150.00
3120	531		Telephone	\$425.00	\$0.00
3120	540		Legal Notices (advertising)	\$85.00	\$85.00
3120	800		Other Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00
3120	610	1	Supplies	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
3120	610	2	Uniforms	\$0.00	\$0.00
3120	630		Food/Milk	\$60,277.00	\$63,000.00
3120	623		Propane Gas	\$400.00	\$400.00
3120	733		Replacement of Equipment	\$1,150.00	\$1,200.00
3120	810		Dues & Fees	\$150.00	\$100.00
Total Food Service:				\$136,937.68	\$136,658.48

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	Budget Summary		
1100	Regular Education Programs:	\$4,257,086.02	\$4,559,194.68
1200	Special Instructional Programs:	\$960,349.15	\$1,169,407.49
1400	Co-Curricular Activities:	\$33,804.72	\$33,065.83
2110	Attendance:	\$538.25	\$567.75
2120	Guidance:	\$98,314.76	\$99,484.36
2130	Health:	\$53,704.80	\$52,712.30
2140	Special Contracted Services:	\$86,426.29	\$117,529.87
2150	Speech Services:	\$117,947.41	\$135,596.60
2210	Improvement of Instruction:	\$55,303.93	\$55,069.50
2220	Library and Educational Media:	\$87,963.32	\$94,218.67
2310	School Board Services:	\$19,401.69	\$19,515.97
2321	Expenses - S.A.U. # 44:	\$222,421.85	\$230,882.42
2410	Office of The Principal:	\$226,487.76	\$235,906.36
2510	Office of The Bookkeeper:	\$35,227.84	\$45,746.34
2600	Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$319,093.96	\$351,563.49
2700	Pupil Transportation Services:	\$302,294.00	\$277,394.00
2820	Managerial Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
2900	Insurances, Compensation, Retirement	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
4000	Facilities Acquisitions:	\$262,500.00	\$0.00
5100	Debt Service:	\$99,400.00	\$93,670.00
5251	Transfer to Capital Reserve		
	Totals General Fund	\$7,252,765.74	\$7,586,025.63
	General Fund Total	\$7,252,765.74	\$7,586,025.63
	Food Service Total	\$136,937.68	\$136,658.48
	Total Appropriations	\$7,389,703.43	\$7,722,684.11

STRAFFORD ITEMIZED SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES

	2000-2001	2001-2002
Instruction	\$728,450.57	\$783,767.87
Related Services	167,296.64	171,526.78
Transportation	62,824.96	70,263.92
Tuition	<u>309,462.13</u>	<u>325,278.21</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,268,034.30	\$1,350,836.78

Itemized Revenue Sources

Catastrophic Aid	\$50,898.21	\$ 0.00
Tuition Received	29,156.63	18,523.00
Adequacy	256,448.00	305,274.00
IDEA Entitlement		
Part B (3-21)	48,690.00	56,709.41
Preschool	6,415.32	6,415.32
Medicaid	<u>26,524.77</u>	<u>27,649.34</u>
Total Revenues	\$418,132.93	\$414,571.07
Actual District Cost	\$849,901.37	\$1,765,407.85

SAU #44 Strafford
Strafford School District Meeting
March 6, 2002
7:00 PM

School Board Members:

Ms. Joanne Piper-Lang – Chairman
Mrs. Jane Vachon – Vice Chairman
Mr. Mark Dolan
Mr. Bruce Patrick
Mr. R. Steven Leighton

Others:

Dr. Harry Fensom, Superintendent
Mrs. Judith McCann, SAU Special Education Coordinator
Mrs. Robyn Jenisch, Business Manager-SAU#44
Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal
Ms. Barbara Loughman, legal counsel for the Strafford School District
Mr. Daniel Baker, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Carrolle A. Popovich, Secretary and School District Clerk

Moderator Wuelper indicated that it was 7:00 PM and asked everyone to please be seated so that the meeting could begin. Moderator Wuelper then recognized Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal, Strafford School, who noted that Ms. Caitlin McGlinchey, a middle school student at the Strafford School, had been named the Community Award Winner for 2002. Mr. Jenisch explained that Caitlin was selected from 28,000 high school and middle school applicants from across the country. He went on to state that the Prudential Insurance Company, together with the Secondary Principals Association sponsored this award that recognizes students for their outstanding service to their community. Mr. Jenisch expounded on the many accomplishments of Caitlin - noting her efforts to raise money for war victims, her work with the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, Make-A-Wish Telethon, her involvement in environmental causes with other students from this school, her visits and performances at local nursing homes, as well as actively participating in Make-A-Difference Days here at Strafford School. Mr. Jenisch noted that Caitlin is a very upbeat, positive, incredibly polite and unbelievably animated student. He added that Caitlin demonstrates strong character, focus and maturity that are well beyond her age of thirteen. Mr. Jenisch noted with interest that as Prudential Financial President Arthur F. Ryan and Executive Director Gerald Crossi wrote recently, quoting from *Foster's Daily Democrat*, "students like these represent the best of Americas youth, and are role models to their peers and to their community." Mr. Jenisch stated his personal congratulations, and on behalf of the Strafford School Board, our Superintendent and our community, to Caitlin. Mr. Jenisch then introduced Scott Barker, who represented The Prudential Insurance Company to present Caitlin with the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Mr. Barker noted that he represented Prudential Financial, further noting that this was the second time that he has given this award to another student from Coe-Brown, a high school student. Mr. Barker noted that the award, sponsored by Prudential Insurance, represents youth and what they do for their community. Mr. Barker then recognized Ms. Caitlin McGlinchey, and noted that, as the Middle School Award winner, Caitlin will be invited to Washington, DC for four days of events, will receive \$1,000. and will possibly be able to be recognized as one of the top ten in the country, where she will receive an additional \$5,000. if she prevails in the top 10. Mr. Barker extended his congratulations to Caitlin McGlinchey. Ms. McGlinchey then spoke, and stated the following: "Thank you very much for this special award. It is not just the medal that is important, but what it symbolizes to me, and how important I feel volunteer service is. When I reflect on my volunteer work and why I developed my program, I believe I did it because I feel that volunteer service is essential to community development and is the greatest gift anyone can give." Ms. McGlinchey then recognized past winners of the Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award (Ms. Meagan and Laura Corlin), who wanted to thank a very special person who

had helped to support and organize youth volunteer projects within Strafford School. Ms. Megan Corlin introduced herself as well as her younger sister, Laura. She noted that both she and her sister were past recipients of the Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award. Ms. Corlin stated the following: "This award has really touched our lives, and on that same line of really touching lives, we would like to say thank you to a very special individual." Ms. Corlin noted the support of many wonderful adults, specifically noting Mr. Richard Jenisch. Ms. Meagan Corlin presented the Starmight Tribute Award to Mr. Richard Jenisch, Principal, Strafford School. Ms. Corlin stated the following: "on behalf of the Starmight Foundation and the Corlin family, and all the students that he has touched over the years, we would like to present him with the Starmight Tribute Award, in recognition of his endless dedication to recognizing the power of youth by supporting volunteers. It is through the partnership of supportive adults like you that youth can use their power to change their communities and the world. Thank you for giving you the voice for constantly validating our opinions and allowing us to put our ideas into projects." Mr. Jenisch made one quick comment – "can you think of a better job to have and better kids to work with? Thanks."

Moderator Wuelper then began to read the Warrant, noting the following: "To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Strafford qualified to vote in the district affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 6th day of March, at 7:00 PM o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Moderator Wuelper called the School District Meeting to order, and began with the introduction of the individuals seated at the head table. He noted the following: Carrolle Popovich, School District Clerk; Jane Vachon, School Board Member; Bruce Patrick, School Board Member; Steve Leighton, School Board Member; Mark Dolan, School Board Member; Joanne Piper-Lang, School Board Chair; Dr. Harry Fensom, Superintendent of SAU #44; Barbara Loughman, Strafford School District Legal Counsel; Robyn Jenisch, Business Manager for SAU #44; Richard Jenisch, Principal, Strafford School; Dan Baker, Vice Principal, Strafford School.

Moderator Wuelper noted that the first order of business before the body was to decide whether or not they would allow people who reside outside the town to speak at this meeting. He asked for discussion from those in attendance, where some one asked for clarification. Moderator Wuelper indicated that the School District Meeting was for the residents of Strafford, and people who were qualified to vote in Strafford. He explained that, without the approval of those in attendance at this meeting, no one who did not reside in Strafford would be allowed to speak. A point of clarification was raised. Moderator Wuelper was asked if this would allow some experts who might lend some information to this body, who might not otherwise be allowed to speak. Moderator Wuelper indicated that it would apply to experts, as well as anyone else.

Moderator Wuelper asked that if anyone wished to speak to please use the microphone, in an effort to help the School District Clerk with transcription of the meeting.

There being no further discussion regarding the first order of business, Moderator Wuelper asked that all who think that people from outside should speak, should signify by raising their voting cards. He then asked for all those who were opposed. Moderator Wuelper declared that, through the show of voting cards, individuals who were not residents of the Town of Strafford would be allowed to speak at the meeting.

Warrant Article #1:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #1 as follows:

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Moderator Wuelper recognized Mr. Martel. Mr. Martel stated that he wished to challenge the meeting tonight, as he did last year. He noted that he believed that the voters of Strafford were denied their due process under the Municipal Finance Act. Moderator Wuelper asked Mr. Martel

if he had a motion to present. Mr. Martel then moved that we turn down the Warrant – the Warrant for this meeting, due to the fact that last year, we were denied our due process under Warrant Article #4. Mr. Irving Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Vachon raised a Point of Order. Mr. Vachon asked for clarification on the motion before there was any action as to whether or not it was in order, given the fact that it was not submitted by petition in writing prior to the meeting. He asked how it could supercede the agenda that has already been set forth in the Warrant. Moderator Wuelper noted his concurrence with Mr. Vachon. After some brief discussion, Moderator Wuelper ruled that the motion made by Mr. Martel was out of order. He noted that law required the meeting, and that the Warrant had been published. Moderator Wuelper read Article #1 again. Moderator Wuelper recognized Ms. Liz Evans, Chairman of the Land Development Advisory Committee.

Report of the Strafford Land Development Advisory Committee

Ms. Evans referenced the report of the Strafford Land Development Advisory Committee document dated March 6, 2002. She explained that the Land Development Committee was one of the committees that the school board asked to come together last year. She noted that the mission of the committee was to work on putting together a long range plan for multiple community use of the land approved for purchase at last year's School District Meeting. Ms. Evans noted some of the identified potential uses of the land as follows:

- **Conservation efforts**
Protecting the watershed around the Mohawk River, putting certain areas of the land into conservation easements, and identifying areas for environmental education that could be used by the school.
- **Protecting potential water supply**
The pond is a potential high-quality source of future drinking water for the town. Our current drought emphasizes the value of water resources.
- **Community recreation**
Opportunity to build walking, hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing trails. The land has ample room for other activities, such as a skateboard park.
- **Youth sports**
Additional fields for Strafford Recreational Sports and other programs.
- **Municipal facilities**
Additional facilities such as town offices or other buildings that the town needs could be located on the land.
- **Future high school site**
The gradual, long-range planning process allows space for a potential high school building in the future.

Ms. Evans went on to note that the committee planned to identify potential sources of funds to assist in carrying out these projects. She noted potential funding for various initiatives was available from many state and federal sources, including the Land and Water Conservation Grant Program, the NH Department of Environmental Services Water Supply Land Conservation Grant Program, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, and the Drinking Water Supply Land Conservation Project. Ms. Evans also informed those present that the committee planned to host a public forum next summer to solicit community input on multiple uses of the land. She mentioned that the committee did have an email address available, noting the address as: StraffordLDC@hotmail.com for those individuals who wished to make inquiries and suggestions for possible use of the land or funding sources. She also stated that a sign will be located on the site, which will identify the parcel and will restrict its use by certain motorized vehicles.

Moderator Wuelper asked if there were any questions of Ms. Evans. There being none, Moderator Wuelper recognized Middle School Planning Committee members who would give a report of that committee.

Report of the Middle School Planning Committee

Mr. Alan Gahm introduced himself as Co-Chairman, along with Mr. Michael Harrington of the Middle School Planning Committee. He noted how the committee was formed, also noting that the committee currently has 25 members of the Strafford community on the committee. He asked members in attendance at the School District Meeting to stand and be recognized. Many individuals in attendance rose and were recognized by all those present. Mr. Gahm noted the objective of the Middle School Planning Committee was to develop several options for a middle school building, based on expected population, curriculum components and student needs. Mr. Gahm noted that the committee did research on town/school population trends and projections, attended a workshop on high performance schools, toured the land purchased for the school, met with the architects Frank and Paul Marinace, as well as evaluated current and space needs at the Strafford School. Mr. Gahm indicated that on March 15, 2002, the Middle School Planning Committee will be touring three schools that Mr. Marinace and his company has designed, and will then begin to focus on building specifications for a future middle school. Mr. Gahm also noted that for those that were interested, a review of the minutes of the Middle School Planning Committee, and progress of the committee, could be made through the Strafford School's web site. Mr. Gahm then introduced Mr. Dan Baker, Vice Principal of the Strafford School, who would speak about the current situation regarding the number of students at the Strafford School, and the space needs of the school. He noted that, after the presentation of Mr. Baker, Mr. Mike Harrington would speak to the trends/population of the town/school.

Mr. Dan Baker noted that all the core classrooms at the Strafford School were full. He noted that the rooms were not overflowing, but noted that they were full. Mr. Baker did note that the overflow is experienced in most of the other educational activities that occur within the school, specifically noting areas such as: special education, counselor areas, occupation and physical therapy (required services for some students) areas; foreign language. He also commented that the art, music and science labs are all sub-standard. Mr. Baker gave many examples of how, all over the school building, people use Yankee ingenuity and frugality, to make due, make things work, and do a good job. He noted that every year, the school gets more crowded.

Mr. Michael Harrington mentioned that last year, Strafford looked into a joint school venture with the Town of Northwood. He explained that he did an unannounced tour of the Strafford School last year and stated that he saw no extra space – even a closet was being used as a space for the guidance counselor to talk with students. He noted that the school was full. Rep. Harrington explained that a committee had been established to look into a joint school venture, however, there was no support from the Town to enter into a cooperative school district with the Town of Northwood. Rep. Harrington noted that public hearings were held, and, as a result, there was no interest in a cooperative school district. Rep. Harrington noted that one of the things the Middle School Planning Committee looked at was how critical were the need of Strafford in the future. Rep. Harrington emphasized that the statistics have not been helpful. He noted that State figures were obtained from the State Office of Planning from 1993, which projected the population for the Town of Strafford at being over 5,000 people by the year 2000. Rep. Harrington noted that in 1997, the State Office of Planning did a re-evaluation. Their population for the year 2010 was about where Strafford was in the year 2000. Rep. Harrington went on to note that preliminary studies have been received from a doctor at the University of New Hampshire, whom the committee has been dealing with. He noted that, although the figures were very preliminary as of this date, the figures show that the population is a little bit flatter on the increase than many people had originally anticipated. Rep. Harrington stated that the committee was taking a real strong serious look at what the needs of the Town of Strafford would be in the future, based on the town population and best estimates on what the school population will be. Rep. Harrington emphasized that the committee was not just making assumptions about the population increases. Rep. Harrington noted that the doctor, who is assisting the committee, is a demographic expert who holds a Ph.D. in economics and should be able to guide the committee to find out what the committee should look at with regards to the size of a school.

Moderator Wuelper asked if there were any reports of committees to come before the meeting. No other reports were offered at this time.

Mr. Irving Johnson referenced Page 85 of the Annual Report of the Town of Strafford, specifically referencing the Independent Auditor's Report/School. He referenced paragraph three on Page 85 and read the following: "As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known." Mr. Johnson questioned this paragraph. Moderator Wuelper asked business manager Robyn Jenisch to explain this. Mrs. Jenisch noted that this paragraph had to do with the valuation of the buildings and inventory. Mrs. Jenisch went on to state that the Strafford School District has instituted an inventory program that is being worked on, to bring all inventory up-to-date. This will assign a value to everything in the school district.

Warrant Article #2:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #2 as follows:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$35,500) to fund the estimated expenses of the Building Committee prior to the bond issue vote at School District meeting in March of 2003. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 until June 30, 2007.

1.	Architectural Services	\$10,000.00
2.	Identification of Wetlands & Flagging in Project Area	\$ 4,000.00
3.	Verification of Topographical Survey in Project Area	\$ 5,500.00
4.	Test Hole and Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation	\$ 6,000.00
5.	Printing of Presentation Brochures	\$ 2,000.00
6.	Contingency	\$ 2,500.00
7.	Legal Fees	\$ 3,500.00
8.	Maintenance of the Dam Spillway and Gating	\$ 500.00
9.	Signage for land	\$ 1,500.00
10.	Printing and mailing of other documentation	\$ 1,000.00
		\$36,500.00

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Discussion ensued with Moderator Wuelper asking if any Board member wished to address Article #2. Mr. Bruce Patrick noted that after the Building Committee got together, the school board interviewed several architects, and reviewed many demonstrations/presentations and were presented with all kinds of information. After thorough review/deliberation, the Board decided to hire Frank Marinace. Mr. Patrick emphasized that Mr. Marinace's presentation was the most fairest and economical architect the school district could hire. He noted the expertise of Mr. Marinace, who only designs schools, schools that work in New Hampshire and schools the Board were very interested in. Mr. Patrick noted that it was Mr. Marinace who came up with the statement and the figures, as noted in Article #2 for the building committee so that there would be a starting point for planning for the building. Mr. Patrick then introduced Mr. Frank Marinace to those in attendance, and asked him to speak to the statement/figures included within Article #2. Mr. Marinace noted that, with regards to Architectural Services, there was the need for exploratory work to evaluate the site. He noted that his company reviewed the site in question, noting that he felt it was a doable site. Mr. Marinace further noted that more information was needed to put together a proposal for a building. He noted that education specifications, floor plans, elevations, construction budgets and project budgets would need to be included within architectural services. With regards to the identification of Wetlands & Flagging in Project Area, Mr. Marinace explained that there are wetlands on the site in question. He noted that wetlands usually drive where the building, roads, athletic fields will go. He stressed the importance of identifying the wetlands in detail. Mr. Marinace spoke to Verification of Topographical Survey in

Project Area. He noted that there is some topography on the site in question, adding that in order to put together some realistic estimates of the project, there was a need to verify that the topography that is on the plan is close to being accurate. With regards to Test Hole and Preliminary Geotechnical Evaluation, Mr. Marinace stressed the importance of doing test holes to find out the nature of the soil and to make sure there is no unexpected sub-surface materials. Mr. Marinace spoke to the need for the Printing of Presentation Brochures to get the word out, to let people know what it is that is being presented. With regards to Contingency, Mr. Marinace stated that anytime you have some unknowns, which there are, there is a need for contingency, if additional work needs to be done. Mr. Marinace spoke to Legal Fees, noting that this was self explanatory. Referencing the Maintenance of the Dam Spillway and Gating, Signage for land and Printing and mailing of other documentation, Mr. Marinace noted that these figures came from the SAU #44 office. Mr. Marinace asked if there were any questions with regards to his explanation of items 1-7 within Article #2. Mr. Martel questioned if this was specific to a particular parcel of property. Mr. Marinace noted that the numbers included within Article #2 were based on the specific parcel of property. Mr. Martel queried if there were problems with the parcel of property, would the figures so noted in Article #2, cover the Strafford School District on another smaller piece of property. Mr. Marinace noted that the items listed within Article #2 were generic, noting that this work would have to be done on any parcel of land. Mr. Cal Schroeder asked Mr. Marinace to define what he meant when he said it was a "doable" project. He further questioned whether it was just the school building, or did it encompass enough contiguous good land for parking, septic systems, athletic fields and all of the other considerations that go with this school. Mr. Marinace explained that his company walked the entire site. He noted that if something is seen which would prevent the site from being a good project, the plug would be pulled. Mr. Marinace noted that although this was the only site reviewed, the site looked fine. Mr. Marinace pointed out that by walking the site, it looked like the site will work for the school, did identify several possible building sites, not just for the school – a school and maybe several other things. Additional work has to be done on the site, to "fine tune it" and do more investigation, to be able to say the site will definitely work.

Mr. Lester Huckins questioned the legitimacy of Article #2. He noted that, to his knowledge, there has not been a vote at a school district meeting to form such a committee to look into a school building on that site. Moderator Wuelper re-stated the question raised by Mr. Huckins. Mr. Bruce Patrick noted that, before last years vote, the School Board had the Land Search Committee look at several parcels in town – not just the one parcel that Mr. Marinace is referring to. As a result of this review, the parcels were eliminated, one at a time, to decide which one would be the best for the town and which one would be the best for the school. Mr. Patrick pointed out some of the members who were present at the School District Meeting were members of the original Land Search Committee, who might want to speak to this. Mr. Patrick went on to state that the committee did come before the School Board with three choices. The Board, together with the Committee, discussed all three parcels. It was decided that the parcel in question seemed like the best and economical place to put the school. Mr. Patrick noted that the parcel in question will enable the Town of Strafford to have lots of land in the future so that land would not have to be purchased for schools; and would keep other developers from coming in and building other things on it. Mr. Patrick referenced a plan that was given to the School Board from the owner of the land, which shows 89-100 units planned for that land. Mr. Patrick noted that the parcel would provide plenty of land. Mr. Patrick also referenced Page 114 of the Annual Report for the Town of Strafford. He noted that Article #8 of the 2001 School District Meeting indicated that three volunteer lists were available for interested town citizens to sign up for the Middle School Planning Committee, the Master Plan Committee and the Building Committee. Mr. Huckins stated that although the committees were formed, no authorization was given to the committees to spend any money, referencing that an architect was hired to study the land. He noted that an amount was never appropriated for that. Mr. Patrick emphasized that the School District had not paid the architect a dime yet. When questioned by Mr. Patrick as to whether his firm had been paid anything yet, Mr. Marinace responded in the negative. Mr. Huckins stated that the School Board has engaged the services of an architect, and obligated the town. Mr. Patrick

emphasized that the town will be obligated, if the motion passed. Mr. Huckins referenced the town building committee, noting that there was a vote from the town for a certain amount of money to spend to engage an architect that looked into the site. Chairman Piper-Lang stated that the school board did not need the permission of the body to form committees. She noted that the committees would not be spending money – it would be the school board. She went on to note that the School Board formed these committees. Ms. Barbara Loughman, legal counsel for the Strafford School District noted that it did not require a vote at school district meeting to form a committee. She went on to state that it does require a vote at school district meeting to authorize the school board to spend money. Ms. Loughman noted that the Building Committee/Land Acquisition Committee, has no authority to spend money on behalf of the school district, or to commit the school district to spend money. Only the school board can do that. She noted that it was her understanding that the architect has not been paid anything yet. She noted that the purpose of Article #2 was to get \$36,500 that is needed to get started.

Mr. Martel stated that he understood that Ms. Barbara Loughman has given advice to several other school districts that is questionable; that her advice has been overruled in court. He referenced a newspaper article that he had in his possession. Mr. Dennis Vachon asked for a Point of Order. He noted his objection to the statements made by Mr. Martel, noting that Mr. Martel was off the subject. Moderator Wuelper stated that since the attorney (Ms. Loughman) was giving advice to this meeting right now, a Point of Order was in order because there was a question of qualifications that the body should be aware of as we evaluate the advice being given on an on-going basis. He asked Mr. Martel to proceed. Mr. Martel referenced a newspaper article, and noted that, after consulting with the New Hampshire Taxpayers Association, he found several cases where she (Ms. Loughman) had given advice that had gone contrary to the public body in court where it has been challenged. Mr. Martel stated that we should take this under consideration that Attorney Loughman has been hired by the school board to represent them, and may not have the best interest of the people at heart. Mr. Martel went on to read the Municipal Finance Act. Mr. Dennis Vachon again asked for a Point of Order. Mr. Vachon strongly noted his objections and challenged the ruling of the Moderator to allow Mr. Martel to continue. He asked the Moderator to "put this to a vote of the members of the committee – of this body as to whether or not they wanted to listen to this kind of stuff, against someone who has been engaged by the school board." Moderator Wuelper stated that the question before the body was: "Is it appropriate in the context of this meeting, to listen to criticism of the qualifications of the attorney that is speaking for the school board?" Mr. Martel stated that there was not a second. Moderator Wuelper advised Mr. Martel that a second was not necessary. Mr. Johnson asked for a Point of Order. Mr. Johnson was recognized, and stated that he felt that anything that shed light on this information was valid. Mr. Vachon noted a Point of Order, noting that it was a non-debatable issue. Moderator Wuelper asked the body if they wanted to hear information regarding the qualifications of this attorney or not. He asked for a show of cards. Moderator Wuelper was asked for a clarification of the question. Moderator Wuelper asked those present if they wanted to hear information regarding the qualifications of the attorney. He asked that those who did want to hear such information signify by raising their card. He then asked for those who did not. Again, Moderator Wuelper asked those who did want to hear to raise their cards and then those who did not to raise their cards. Moderator Wuelper stated that a manual count of cards would be done to determine the vote. Mr. Dennis Vachon offered to be a counter, as did Rep. Harrington. Mr. Martel stated that because Mr. Vachon brought the motion to the floor, he did not feel it was appropriate for him to count. Mrs. Carrolle Popovich, School District Clerk, offered to count votes, along with Rep. Michael Harrington and John Young. Again, Moderator Wuelper asked for those individuals who wanted to hear the information about the qualifications of the attorney to raise their cards. A count of cards was conducted by the three counters tallied by Rep. Harrington, and given to the Moderator. Moderator Wuelper then asked those who did not want to hear information regarding the qualifications of the attorney to raise their card. Again, the three counters counted votes, which were then tallied by Rep. Harrington and given to the Moderator. Moderator Wuelper declared the vote 57 to continue as we were and 51 not. Moderator Wuelper allowed Mr. Martel to have the floor. Mr. Martel stated that he believed that there was a

questionable doubt as to whether the taxpayers were getting the money they were paying for her advice. Ms. Loughman noted that since it was her credentials that were being attacked, she informed those present what her credentials were. Ms. Loughman noted that she has been representing New Hampshire towns and school districts since 1981. She noted that her long term represents over one hundred New Hampshire school districts. She pointed out that she has never won every single case she's been involved in, but that she never lost a case in court where she represented a school district. Ms. Loughman went on to note that she has lectured extensively through the New Hampshire School Board's Association, as well as lectures on municipal law issues and land use planning issues. Ms. Loughman pointed out that she was not the school board's attorney – she is the school district's attorney, noting the difference.

Rep. Harrington asked if the body could get back on track and discuss the original question that Mr. Huckins asked. Rep. Harrington queried if any money had been spent on architectural fees? Mr. Leighton noted that nothing has been spent on architectural fees. He noted that, if Warrant Article #2 was defeated, there would be no obligation on the part of the school district to pay the architect anything. When questioned whether the answer addressed his concern, Mr. Huckins responded in the affirmative. Mr. Leighton noted that for clarification purposes, the School Board had started the process during the winter so that they could come to the school district meeting with an idea as to what was needed for an expense. He noted that all of the individuals that the board spoke and met with, were advised that there would be no funding available until the this (2002-2003 budget) went into affect. He stated that the Board needed the procedure to start, in order to bring figures forward at this meeting for a vote. Mr. George Kitz spoke to the Article currently being discussed. He stated that he could not support Strafford School more, but did not necessarily like the parcel of land that was chosen. Mr. Kitz referenced the Sandown position, which occurred in 1991-1992, where money was appropriated over a period of a number of years for a contract. He questioned if that was similar to this situation, where money is being appropriated in two separate years? Moderator Wuelper asked if Mr. Kitz could explain his question and why he felt it was germane to Article #2. Mr. Kitz stated that he wished to ask the question about procedure, by which these funds were being obtained. He further noted that Article #2 spoke to \$36,500 and asked why this wouldn't be included in the general fund. Moderator Wuelper suggested that someone from the Board answer this question. Chairman Piper-Lang noted that at last years district meeting, it was voted to appropriate money for the land, similar to a two-year teachers contract. She noted that the money was appropriated, part to be paid in this fiscal year, and part in the fiscal year coming up. She noted that that is how it was laid out, referencing Page 111 of the Strafford Annual Report for 2001. Ms. Piper-Lang noted that it is not a separate Warrant Article this year, it was included last year, emphasizing that Article #2 is a separate article which has been addressed. As to the decision Mr. Kitz was referencing, Ms. Piper-Lang indicated that Ms. Loughman could speak to that. Ms. Loughman explained that whether or not to put Article #2 as a separate line item or part of the operating budget is a decision of the school board. She noted that it could have been included in the operating budget, but that the board presumably felt that since this was the first step on a project, they preferred to put it in a separate warrant article. Ms. Loughman also addressed the manner in which the money had been appropriate for the land purchase. She explained that the money was appropriated last year to cover the first half of the purchase price. Ms. Loughman went on to state that the purchase and sale agreement had a fiscal funding clause. She noted that a fiscal funding clause is a clause in the contract that says that if a meeting does not appropriate the money next year, the contract is void. She noted that you're not obligating the money in year two to appropriate the money. Ms. Loughman stated that this is done with lease-purchase agreements, and sometimes with bus contracts. She went on to note that a long term contract that obligates the school board to spend money or obligates the school district to spend money over a period of several years can be done in two ways. One way, she noted, was by going through the procedure for a bond issue or a note, which requires a two-thirds vote, paper ballot. The other far more common way to do it is to have a contract with a fiscal funding clause, which basically says that the vote in year one is not creating a debt because you are not obligating the meeting in years 2 through whatever to appropriate money. It's a contract that you can get out of

if the meeting in the second or third year declines to appropriate the money. Ms. Loughman noted that that is what was done, and the Department of Revenue Administration has approved it. She went on to note that the money that was appropriated in year one was appropriated to pay a portion of the purchase price. The meeting has the option of either appropriating or not appropriating the balance of the purchase price this year. Ms. Loughman explained further that if the meeting declines to appropriate the balance of the purchase price this year, the contract is over and done with, which is what makes it different from debt. She added that it would be debt if the vote last year obligated you to appropriate the money this year – but it does not. Mr. Kitz questioned Ms. Loughman, noting that if, at this meeting, there was a vote to not appropriate the second sum of money, then the contract would be null and void? Ms. Loughman replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Lou Goskinski was recognized by Moderator Wuelper and questioned Article #2. He asked if Warrant Article #2 should say whether or not we need to authorize the Board to expend the funds, or is it implied in the Article. Moderator Wuelper stated that if the body votes the Article, it would be implied in the Article. Mr. Goskinski questioned whether Article #2 speaks to whether it authorizes the Board to expend. Moderator Wuelper pointed out that none of the article as noted in the Warrant says that, with the exception of Article #5. Mr. Goskinski asked the Board whether Article #2 had been run by the Department of Revenue Administration – was the wording checked. Chairman Piper-Lang indicated that it did not require the Department of Revenue Administration review, and is a valid warrant article. Mr. Goskinski stated that he felt that the Article was a prudent use of taxpayer money, and felt it was an Article worth voting for. Mr. Johnson queried the prudence of voting on Warrant Article #2, or postpone it until the approval of the purchase of the land – the \$205,000 to purchase the land. Rep. Harrington directed his question to the Board. He stated that since the rest of the purchase dollars were not on a separate warrant article, they would be approved as part of the general expenditures, as long as the school district approves the minimum amount of \$205,000; then the school board has the authority to spend that money to purchase the land. He noted that there was no need for a separate warrant article, as it was not being voted upon as a separate issue this year. Chairman Piper-Lang responded in the affirmative to Rep. Harrington's statements. Mr. Cal Schroeder stated that he thought he heard the attorney say that the body would have the chance of voting on the second part – and if the body didn't approve it, it would invalidate the first part. Moderator Wuelper responded in the affirmative. Rep. Harrington clarified the statement made. He noted that the sum would in the general fund, and the school board has the authority to spend that money any way they want – they are not held by the line items that are handed out in the budget. Chairman Piper-Lang noted her concurrence, noting that it would be part of Article #5 – which is the general budget. More discussion ensued regarding Mr. Schroeder's question. Chairman Piper-Lang noted that if the budget were cut by that amount, in affect, you'd be tying the hands of the school board.

Moderator Wuelper then recognized Ms. Linda Hartmann. She pointed out that the body did not have a line item veto, noting that if the body voted for the school budget as it stand, that would include the money for the land. She went on to state that if the body did not agree with the land, there was nothing that could be done with the exception of reducing the amount of the school budget. Moderator Wuelper noted that there were two things that the body could do: amend the amount of money in Warrant Article #5. If that approach is taken, then the school board has the complete flexibility to use whatever money is appropriated in any fashion they desire. The other would be to defeat Warrant Article #5. Ms. Hartmann questioned if Warrant Article #2 appropriation was strictly for a middle school. Chairman Piper-Lang indicated that it was for the development of a middle school. Ms. Hartmann stated that last year, she did attend public hearings where a cooperative school district was discussed between Northwood and Strafford. She stated that at that meeting, a majority of the people there weren't interested in the state-of-the-art school – they were interested in maintaining the rural character of this town; they liked K-8; they felt it was small – it was nice; parents and teachers knew each other and teachers knew kids. She stated that she felt like the middle school issue was being pushed through, and she

hadn't heard of any other options about why not a new K-8 school, or why not this building becoming a community center or some other safety complex. She noted that, looking at the overall picture, the Town of Strafford is looking at 2-3 new buildings – a police station, a safety complex, and now a new school. Mrs. Hartmann noted that the current building could serve a lot of different purposes, also noting her concerns regarding the age of the school and air quality, water and septic issues. She noted that she did not want to spend \$36,500 on a middle school because nothing else has been considered. Mr. Leighton responded by stating that the committee who is working on the Middle School, is covering all the basis again. Mr. Leighton explained that testing on the parcel to be purchased needs to be done, even if a new building is constructed for K-8; this type of testing has to be done to address that issue. Ms. Hartmann noted her agreement, stating she agreed that a new school is needed. She did note, however that if the only option is for architectural services (drawings for a middle school) is to be given to the taxpayers in Strafford; that is not necessarily what the people really want. Mr. Leighton noted that Article #2 is for a new school. Mr. Leighton pointed out, with interest, that the Town of Strafford cannot fiscally afford to build a new K-8 school. Moderator Wuelper advised Ms. Hartmann that her point was not germane to Warrant Article #2. Mr. Alan Gahm noted his surprise of the negative tone he has heard in the meeting regarding Warrant Article #2. He stated that it was pretty clear that Strafford could not exist with just this school – whether the Town goes to a new K-8 school or a middle school, the town needs to move ahead, and appropriate this money so that testing can be done on the land to insure that it is buildable. Mr. Gahm welcomed new members, but stressed the importance of appropriating these funds to move ahead. Moderator Wuelper recognized Mr. Scott Goodell, who moved the question. This motion was duly seconded. A call to cease debate on Warrant Article 2 was declared passed by the Moderator. Moderator Wuelper stated that debate was closed regarding Warrant Article #2. Moderator Wuelper then read Warrant Article #2 again. Rep. Harrington called for a Point of Order. Moderator Wuelper then asked those who were in favor of Article #2 as read to raise their cards. He then asked those opposed to raise their cards. Moderator Wuelper declared that Warrant Article #2 passed.

Warrant Article #3:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #3 as follows:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to fund Phase I and II of a heating and ventilation study/upgrade to the existing building. Phase I consists of an engineering survey to evaluate the heating and ventilation systems and to develop schematic designs and cost estimates to upgrade the systems to meet current ventilation standards. Phase II is to prepare bid specifications and architectural drawings to complete the work based on the findings of Phase I. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 until June 30, 2007.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Moderator Wuelper then recognized Mr. Jenisch who spoke to Warrant Article #3. He prefaced his comments by stating that he was not an air quality-testing expert. He noted that air quality testing is very complicated. Mr. Jenisch provided a background history by informing those present that initial testing was done specific to the old modular that is being used as an office modular. He noted that an initial round of testing was done, as well as some spot testing in the main building, checking the air quality, and specifically co2 levels. He indicated that the office modular testing results came back fine. However, higher levels of co2 were found in the main building, noting that it was nothing to be terribly concerned about. Mr. Jenisch pointed out that, clearly, higher co2 levels can exacerbate other problems, particularly with children who are prone to respiratory diseases. As a result of testing, and board support, money was expended on this testing as well as a second round of testing. This time, the test included mold and bacteria. Mr. Jenisch noted that, once again, there were no problems in the modular unit, but there were some elevated levels in some of the classrooms in this new wing of the building (which was the area tested). Mr. Jenisch stated that testing was again repeated this fall for co2, mold and bacteria.

Co2 levels in various sections of the building were elevated, especially in areas where people were working in a book closet that was never intended to be a place to work with students, as well as areas without windows or areas without any natural ventilation. He went on to note that the levels of gram negative bacteria were higher in some areas than others, and they were determined, in part, to be connected with the ventilation systems that are in place in the school. Mr. Jenisch pointed out that the air intakes, in some cases, are less than six inches from the ground. As a result, Mr. Jenisch stated that a fourth round of testing was conducted to double check gram-negative bacteria around the exterior of the building, because there was some thought that it might be related to all the bark mulch that is under the playground equipment. Mr. Jenisch stated that those tests came back normal. The next recommended testing is for Endo toxins, which was done. He noted that Endo toxins do not represent a problem in small and controlled amounts, and will always be present. He noted that where it is elevated in the building can impact on children with respiratory problems such as asthma, and can exacerbate those problems. Mr. Jenisch explained that when there are higher levels of Endo toxins and co2 levels, it produces fatigue, and not the best environmental conditions for children to study in. He also pointed out that the school is currently going through the flu season in an under ventilated building, pointing out that those germs can multiply to a greater extent in that kind of environment as opposed to a fully ventilated environment. Mr. Jenisch advised that both companies that have been involved in the testing have stated that the problems at Strafford School are no better or worse than more schools like this. Mr. Jenisch noted that part of the problem is that there have been 4-5 additions to the school and in every case, the ventilation has been very basic. In summary, Mr. Jenisch pointed out that the air quality problems at the school are a result of organisms in the air that are naturally produced by the inhabitants as well as the breakdown of organic material. He further noted that they can be controlled through proper ventilation, noting that the school's problems have generally been exacerbated by the growing number of students in the facility, designed for fewer. Mr. Jenisch pointed out that the school has taken several steps to insure that the existing ventilation is working properly. All ventilation systems within the school were checked last summer – classroom and roof ventilators. Mr. Jenisch noted that a couple of motors had burned out and were repaired; roof ventilators were fixed; filters were changed; some filters were upgraded and guidelines for exchanging air in the classroom were distributed. Mr. Jenisch stated that the custodians have made this issue a top priority, and publicly thanked Mr. Bob Paradis, who does a wonderful job with his crew in taking care of the school building. Mr. Jenisch noted that a top priority is disinfecting the building, proper air quality and keeping the ventilators clear. After bringing in companies, and receiving recommendations from both, they recommended that the ventilation system be reviewed in this building. What is being proposed is very complicated. Mr. Jenisch pointed out the fact that retrofitting an older building with a ventilation system is going to be expensive. He noted that it would take a great deal of time (4-6 months) just to evaluate how this will be done. Mr. Jenisch stated that the rough estimates from both companies puts the cost of this work in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to bring the system up to code. He noted that the work could be done in phases, noting that most school systems are doing it in phases. Mr. Jenisch stated that air quality is a very sensitive issue, and has been assured by both companies that test the school that it is not a sick, unhealthy or dangerous building. He stressed that it is an under ventilated building. Mr. Jenisch pointed out that close attention to air exchange in this building has to be a priority. Mr. Jenisch also spoke to several capital improvements that will have to be done to the existing school over the next few years, which include the replacement of the roof in phases. Mr. Jenisch noted the air quality companies as Demaris Environmental - Barrington, NH and RPF - Northwood, NH, noting that both are licensed reputable companies that do air quality testing in schools all the time. He also noted that the companies that submitted estimated estimates were Health Mechanical – Rye, NH and H.L. Turner – Concord, NH. Mr. Jenisch noted that the first phase would be \$10,000 and the second phase could be anywhere from \$6,000 - \$10,000, noting that it was hard to predict as it depends on the investigation of what the first phase yields and how difficult it will be to retrofit the building. Mr. Jenisch stated that because of the time, if one phase is voted, it will mean that at next years district meeting (2003), the second phase funding will be requested, which involves the actual design of the mechanical drawings that can be sent out to bid. This, he noted, would mean that

work would not begin until the year 2004. Warrant Article #3 combines both phases into one year, with the hope that mechanical drawings can be completed and sent out to bid so that at next years district meeting, citizens can be advised of the cost to begin fixing the problem. Rep. Harrington queried Mr. Jenisch if any radon testing has been done in the school. Mr. Jenisch noted that radon testing was conducted twice, and the results showed that the building was fine, although radon testing was not done throughout the entire building. He noted, with interest, that routine radon water testing is done, and it has been clear, with no problems. Mr. Cal Schroeder asked if the test results indicated that it is hazardous to anyone's health. Mr. Jenisch noted that, according to both air quality companies, there is no health hazard, but he noted that there were some areas where it was substantially higher than in others. Mr. Schroeder asked Mr. Jenisch if there were any cases directly attributed to the poor air quality in the school presently. Mr. Jenisch responded in the negative. Mr. Jenisch pointed out, with interest, that he did an analysis of absences, especially in those classrooms that had higher counts. He noted that this analysis showed, in some cases, that absenteeism was less in those rooms than in other areas of the building. Mr. Schroeder asked if there were any pending lawsuits. Mr. Jenisch responded in the negative. Mr. Schroeder further questioned Mr. Jenisch as to whether there was anything that said once the ventilation systems was put in, it would take care of the problem. Mr. Jenisch noted that companies are advising the school that it is a serious enough issue that should be addressed and companies who are submitting estimates are stating that the retrofitting will substantially improve the environment within the building, specifically air quality. Mr. Jenisch stated that the building is under ventilated, and it is complicated by the fact that the population since the time he started at Strafford School has grown from 300 students to today's population, which, he noted was 555, plus 80 adults and anyone else that is visiting the building. He noted that this was a substantial number of people. Mr. Tom Stano stated that he was aware that there is a ventilation problem within the school. Mr. Joseph McCafrey stated that he understood that the air quality needed to be better, but wondered if the money spent to accomplish this task could be best spent to accomplish the other school program. He questioned this non-lapsing appropriation, projecting it for the year 2007. Mr. Jenisch noted that this school will not be abandoned, especially is a middle school is constructed. He also noted that careful attention would have to be paid as to what phases are chosen, depending on what the future of the current school building. Mr. Jenisch noted that, as the administrator of the building, the issue is a substantial concern. Mr. McCafrey asked if there was a simpler shorter-term solution to the problem. Mr. Jenisch noted that pretty much everything that could be done reasonably has been done, with the resources presently available. Mr. Jenisch noted that any fix will be expensive. He noted that both companies are recommending doing the work in small phases. Chairman Piper-Lang addressed the non-lapsing portion of Warrant Article #3. She noted that the \$20,000. did not mean it will be appropriated each year through 2007. She noted it was \$20,000 total, and allows for this money to be carried over next year and into subsequent years if it is not spent. She noted that because the prices received were estimates, the money could be applied to the project moving forward, rather than turning it back to the town, at the end of that fiscal year. A motion was made and duly seconded to curtail debate. Moderator Wuelper called for a vote to limit debate. The motion, through a show of cards, was noted as an affirmative vote and was declared as such by the Moderator. Moderator Wuelper then read Warrant Article #3 again. Moderator Wuelper then called for a vote on Warrant Article #3. Through a show of cards, Moderator Wuelper declared Warrant Article 3 passed.

Warrant Article #4:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #4 as follows:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the school district capital reserve fund for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the school district in accord with the provisions of RSA Ch 35, with such amount to be funded from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2002.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Moderator Wuelper stated that it was his understanding that the School Board would like to rescind Warrant Article #4 – that is, not bring it to the floor. Moderator Wuelper asked for unanimous consent, without objection, the body will not vote on Warrant Article #4. He asked if there was any objection to this. Moderator Wuelper stated that he did not see or hear any objection, he stated that Warrant Article #4 was done away with.

Moderator Wuelper then recognized Mr. Martel, who noted his objection to Warrant Article #5. Moderator Wuelper stated that the question before the body is an objection to taking up Warrant Article #5. Moderator Wuelper stated that those who think that Article #5 should be discussed will vote yes. A Point of Order was raised. Moderator Wuelper stated that the article on the floor was to not take up Article #5. A question was raised as to whether there needed to be a second. Moderator Wuelper indicated that it did not require a second. Discussion ensued. Moderator Wuelper again stated that the question before the body was whether or not to take up Warrant Article #5. He explained to those present that if they thought Article #5 should be taken up, they should signify by raising their voting cards. If you think not, you will say no. He then called for all those in favor to raise their cards. He then called for all those opposed. The motion failed, and was declared as such by Moderator Wuelper.

Warrant Article #5:

Moderator Wuelper then read Warrant Article #5 as follows:

To see what sum of money the school district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district.

The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Mr. Patrick was recognized by Moderator Wuelper who stated that Warrant Article #5 should read: To see that the school district will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,335,999.70 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, for capital construction, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the school district. This does not include any Warrant Articles previous to this.

Mrs. Pam Felber spoke in support of Warrant Article #5. She stated that every time she walked into the Strafford School, she sees quality. She noted that she doesn't see extra – no glitz, but she sees quality. Mrs. Felber noted that although she didn't see much money in teachers salaries, she saw quality in the teaching that her children have received in the Strafford School and continue to receive. Mrs. Felber spoke to the quality received with regards to special services. Mrs. Felber asked the school board if there was extra money within the budget being presented. Mrs. Felber was advised in the negative. Mrs. Felber stated that, to maintain the quality, that money be granted, and more, in order to maintain quality. Mr. Martel stated that he filed a suit against the Strafford School District and the five school board members today with regards to the purchase of land and the continuation of appropriation under Article #5. Mr. Martel read one of the basis for his complaint today as follows: "the Municipal Services Division is required by RSA 21-J:35 to review estimated revenues voted appropriations in the manner in which the appropriations are voted. During this review, we attempted to determine whether the voted appropriations comply with the various RSA's. As a result of this review, we have discovered the following problem." Mr. Martel noted that the portion of the letter he read was dated May 15, 2001, after the election, but it held some important information in it. Mr. Martel went on to read: "Document and Warrants and Minutes – Warrant Article #4 – the vote on Warrant Article #4 did not follow RSA 33 – the Municipal Finance Act. This is a purchase and sales agreement to be financed over a 2-year period, thereby needed a two third ballot vote in accordance with RSA 33A." Moderator Wuelper asked Mr. Martel if he would suspend his reading. A question was raised from someone in the audience whether Mr. Martel's statements

being read were germane. Moderator Wuelper indicated in the affirmative, and asked Mr. Martel to continue. Mr. Martel continued and read further as follows: "this is not – RSA 33:7E equipment lease agreement but rather a contract entered into a 2 year debt which contains a default and a no provision, not an escape clause. Therefore the appropriation of \$275,000 for Warrant Article #4 has been disallowed. Your total vote appropriations are now \$6,341,804.28. We have adjusted your MS 22 to reflect this change. When we pre-reviewed your Warrant, we said that Warrant Article #4 should be first on the Warrant and needed a two-thirds ballot vote because it was long term funding. Possible solution, you can petition the Superior Court to have a special meeting under RSA 197-3, however, the actual vote count at the annual meeting did fall short of the two thirds majority needed to pass." Mr. Martel stated that the taxpayers did not know about this letter at the meeting, noting that the pre-review was apparently done, and the taxpayers were denied this information. He noted that on May 23, 2001, "they went down and had a discussion with the Department of Revenue. Attorney Loughman offered a compelling argument to the affect that since the District is not obliged to pay anything in year two of the agreement." Mr. Martel noted that he is asking for the court for many things. Moderator Wuelper asked Mr. Martel to explain why he thought this information was germane to Warrant Article #5. Mr. Martel noted that he was contesting Warrant Article #5 as being part of a debt payment and therefore it should be disallowed. Mr. Martel went on to note that if it is disallowed, then the school has no money to pay teachers. He stated that he felt that Warrant Article #5 should be disallowed, so that they can go to the court, under 197 and get a new meeting to pay just for the salaries and the increases in our obligations. Ms. Loughman asked to respond, and to clarify. Mr. Martel interjected that he had not finished speaking. Ms. Loughman apologized, as did Moderator Wuelper. Mr. Martel then held up a manila folder, noting, "as you can see, that's quite a lengthy document." Mr. Martel asked if he could read the prayers for relief. Moderator Wuelper allowed Mr. Martel to continue, who read the following: "issue an injunction in validating the results of the Strafford School District – March 13, 2001-2002 Warrant Article#4 under RSA 33:8 and return the improperly raised appropriations from said Warrant Article 4 to the General Fund for tax relief. This injunction is needed to prevent further harm and injustice of the laws of the State of New Hampshire see Ann Chopy vs. Sanbornton. To have the school board comply with the sale and purchase revisions for default of contract regarding dam and enforcement of default provisions thus making the purchase and sale agreement null and void. Issue an injunction to deny Warrant Article 5 – this article, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. This provision from Warrant Article #4 for 2002 is a continuation which is in violation of the Municipal Finance Law RSA 33:8; Grant the plaintiff a consent decree from the Strafford School Board requiring adherence to the public's Right-to-Know under RSA 91A and all provisions therein. Post meeting notices in public places well illuminated which residents have access to 24 hours per day – 7 days per week. Judge that the Strafford School Board members shall personally pay monies expended on legal counsel and associated costs to defend the Strafford School District in the faction. Award the plaintiff his attorney fees, reasonable fees, expenses, costs and expenses in bringing this action. RSA 91A:8. Grant such and other further relief as seems just and reasonable." Mr. Martel explained that he believed this was appropriate that the body refuse this, so that there is an "out" for our school district. Moderator Wuelper then recognized Ms. Loughman to speak. Ms. Loughman stated that she wished to respond to the legal issues. Ms. Loughman noted the following: "In the first place, the Department of Revenue Administration did allow the appropriation. They changed their mind. The reason they changed their mind is because we took them the purchase and sale agreement, and pointed out to them that it was not debt. That decision by the Department of Revenue Administration, which was made last June, is final. If Mr. Martel wanted to challenge it, he should have challenged it then. As far as his claim, anybody, certainly can take the school district to court at any time, and there is certainly nothing that we can do to prevent people from filing law suits. I think his suggestion that, in the unlikely event that the court was to conclude that there was something wrong with this appropriation, that the court would throw out your entire operating budget is absolutely ridiculous. I think my recommendation to the voters is to ignore the legal issues that he is raising, because I am telling you that DRA concluded that this is a valid appropriation. Further more, the statement that he's made, which admittedly is in the letter from DRA which I have here, that they had told us that the Warrant

Article would be invalid before the annual meeting – that was a misunderstanding. Ms. Jenisch can explain to you that what DRA told us before the annual meeting was that we needed to have a fiscal funding clause in the contract, which we did. In addition, they also told her that she needed to specify the dollar amount of the interest in the Article. DRA certainly did not tell us before last year's annual meeting that the Article, as written would be invalid or that the action of the meeting on that Article would be unlawful."

Moderator Wuelper then recognized Mr. Lou Goskinski. Mr. Goskinski stated that he intended to make a motion that this Article be moved inexpedient to legislate, and hoped that someone would second the motion and that the motion be voted down, so that we can move on. Moderator Wuelper asked Mr. Goskinski if he was making a motion or making a recommendation. Mr. Goskinski stated that his motion was being made on Mr. Martel's point. Mr. Goskinski noted that Mr. Martel was allowed to speak, and stated that he was here to talk about the budget. Mr. Goskinski asked Moderator Wuelper to move on, so that discussion could continue about the budget. Moderator Wuelper noted that the only ways to move on from Article #5 were: approve the budget; defeat the budget; or take other action as might be suitable, which might include something like tabling it. Mr. Goskinski noted that discussion was "not about dollars and cents; not about programs; not about books – we're talking about a lawsuit – a potential law suit." He questioned Moderator Wuelper that if he made a motion to have Article #5 go inexpedient to legislate, and it is seconded and voted down, can we go forward and talk about the budget. Moderator Wuelper noted that a motion was not necessary – that discussion could continue about the budget. Moderator Wuelper pointed out the point that Mr. Martel was trying to make – that there was litigation involved, and a vote on Warrant Article #5 in the affirmative might influence, and might not be in our best interest. More discussion continued regarding the budget. Moderator Wuelper recognized Rep. Harrington. He asked if legal counsel could advise about the possible outcomes could result from that lawsuit going forward. He did mention that there was an approximate 11% increase in the school budget, in a time where inflation was fairly low and the increase in the school population projected for next year is equally fairly low. Rep. Harrington noted that Strafford has benefited from increased State aid, as Strafford is a receiver town, which receives extra money through the statewide property tax. Rep. Harrington noted that there are moves underfoot in Concord to change this. He noted that measures were being discussed this week in both the House and the Senate that would possibly put a cap on the amount of statewide property tax for education funding, as well as change the formula as to how it is funded. He also noted discussion in Concord regarding targeted aid, with the possibility of a new formula in the next couple of years for statewide education funding, which, he noted, is based on targeted aid. Rep. Harrington told those in attendance not to count on the present level of funding for state aid in the future.

Chairman Piper-Lang referenced hand out information available, which noted the largest increases in the FY 2002-2003 budget. She noted that a budget hearing was held in early February, where the budget was reviewed line by line. Chairman Piper-Lang also referenced that there were copies of the budget, together with an explanation packet available for review. At this point in the meeting, Chairman Piper-Lang noted that the Strafford School District was in their second year of teacher contract; making a concerted effort to bring salaries of the school to comparable school districts (a 4-½% increase across the board which varied per the individual). She also noted a 25.3% increase of health insurance. She noted that in the last contract, the teachers did agree to pay a little more on a co-pay. Chairman Piper-Lang pointed out that a very large increase in the budget was due to the increase in tuition to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy – a 9.5% increase, as well as for special education students. She noted that the budget reflected an additional 20 students at the higher tuition rate. A review of the increase in Special Education Tuition was done by Chairman Piper-Lang, noting that this impacts small communities very hard, and that there is very little control over these mandated services. Mrs. Piper-Lang noted that this year, there were some students that required out of district placement that is very costly. She also noted that there is more diversity in Strafford, noting that there were 9 students who required English as a second language support. Chairman Piper-Lang further noted the need for more

nursing support as well as a couple of positions that were grant funded, but would now have to be absorbed within the budget regarding speech pathology. Mr. Lou Goskinski commended the Strafford School Board for all their hard work. He referenced the handouts, noting that it appeared that the majority of the costs, in terms of increases within the budget, were based on uncontrollables. Mr. Goskinski noted fixed increases, and stated that he felt that the Board held the line on the areas that they had control over. He complimented the Board on putting together an excellent budget, noting that the majority of the increases within the budget were "uncontrollables". He thanked the Board for all their time and efforts. Mr. George Kitz asked what the school districts' contractual obligations were regarding the parcel of land at the bottom of mile hill. He asked if the budget were altered, would that money be lost. Chairman Piper-Lang noted that at this point, that money would not be lost. Mr. Leighton noted that the school board has not closed on the land, noting that the land was still under sales agreement. He pointed out that the Board has held the money and refused to transfer that money to the owner until the owner meets the requirements as specified by the Board when they asked for the approval of the money – that the dam meets state specifications and be approved.

Mr. Leighton noted that it has been a long and tedious process that is still on-going to get the engineering and state approvals in hand to finish the project. Mr. Leighton advised Mr. Kitz that the money would not be lost. Mr. Leighton went on to note that if it was the will of the people at this meeting tonight, and they cut the money out – he would go with the will of the people. He pointed out that you have to take into account that if you did this, you'd be back to square zero in a process that takes a lot of time to put another school together. Mr. Dolan pointed out that there has been quite a bit of work put in by many committees, noting that some of them reported at this meeting tonight. Mr. Dolan referenced the Land Search Committee, a Co-Operative Planning Committee as well as the Land Advisory Committee and the Middle School Planning Committee. He noted that all these committees have something in common – that is – they are trying to find solutions for this town to deal with population growth and the aging building that we are in. Mr. Dolan pointed out that this is a vote for the future – something that is needed to plan for the future. He noted that, without this money, there is no plan, and no future. He pointed out that the Board, along with all of the various committees, have tried to look ahead, noting that the land in question provides all the citizens of Strafford to manage the growth being experienced and keep the Town of Strafford the way we want it – without allowing development to overtake this land. He asked those in attendance to try to look beyond tonight, and look towards the future. Mrs. Vachon reminded voters that the inclusion of the land in the budget is a culmination of years of work. She stated that the land has been identified as having the potential to meet the needs of Strafford and allows consideration, possibly next year, for a bond vote. Mary Hyslop spoke to the pleasure of living in a rural community in a K-8 school. Ms. Hyslop spoke briefly about home schooling, noting that Mr. Jenisch has supported home schooling; where other communities have not. Ms. Hyslop questioned whether the home school children are included within the count of student population. Mr. Jenisch noted that the school does file a monthly report that includes home schoolers, further noting that the enrollment figures do not include those children being home schooled. Mrs. Schwab was recognized by the Moderator who spoke to the land purchase, noting that she felt the site left her "pretty luke warm". She stated that she felt the choice of the property left a little bit to be desired. Mrs. Schwab referenced the statement of Ms. Loughman regarding a right to vote no on the land purchase this year, and void the entire contract. She asked if there was any way that this vote could be cast with this particular Article. Moderator Wuelper stated the answer was "yes and no". He explained by stated that there was no specific way that a vote could be done on the land itself, and void the contract because you cannot change any line item within the school budget at this meeting. Moderator Wuelper went on to note that the only opportunity to vote no, would be to vote no on the entire budget. Moderator Wuelper recognized Ms. Loughman who noted that the Municipal Budget Law was amended a few years ago, and does allow the voters to zero out lines (not all the sub-lines) on the budget form that is posted with the Warrant (MS 27). She referenced as an example, the 4000 line (facilities acquisition). She noted that if the voters voted to reduce that line to zero that would mean that the school board could not go through with the purchase of the land. Moderator

Wuelper asked for a point of clarification from Ms. Loughman, asking her when that took affect. Mr. Alan Gahm noted his concern about the direction of the meeting, stating that a bold decision was made last year to purchase a piece of land. Mr. Gahm noted that he was not luke warm about it but was extremely excited about it, as it has wonderful opportunities for school buildings, for athletic facilities in addition to the other recreational opportunities for the town. Mr. Gahm noted that if this were omitted from the budget, the town would be taking a big step back, and it would take several years to move ahead for a new school. He encouraged those in attendance to pass the budget as presented. At this time, Mr. Martel moved to remove the amount of funding, to reduce it to zero. Moderator Wuelper asked Mr. Martel what amount he was referencing. Mr. Martel stated facilities and acquisitions – line 4000 in the amount of \$206,000 – to reduce that sum to zero. Ms. Sandra Schwab seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Moderator Wuelper asked that discussion be confined to the amendment only. Mr. Vachon stated that he was opposed to the pending motion. He stated that he was involved in the original Land Search Committee. Mr. Vachon referenced one of the parcels of land, noting that it was evident that the landowner in question was unrealistic in terms of what value they wanted for the property. Mr. Vachon stated that the site chosen offers opportunities for the Town of Strafford beyond just building a school. He noted that it offered the opportunity to have recreational facilities, to prevent a large-scale development, as well as protecting the water shed area, to provide water for the future. Mr. Vachon urged everyone in attendance to look at the whole picture. He stressed that he felt that the parcel, which was voted on last year, is the best deal going.

Attorney Loughman informed Moderator Wuelper that the Municipal Budget Law had changed in 1996.

Mr. Gerald Waldron was then recognized by Moderator Wuelper to speak. He noted that everyone involved worked very hard – noting that those involved are our neighbors, our friends, and are intelligent people. He noted that those involved have looked at several parcels, noting that the process took a great deal of time, and if the opportunity slides by, it will take a long long time to come up with another opportunity. He stated that the Town of Strafford would not get another opportunity like this one, and urged those in attendance not to remove this money from the budget. Rep. Mike Harrington reiterated the sentiments of Mr. Waldron, and noted his agreement with Mr. Vachon. He stated that the acquisition of the land is important, noting that the price is fair, and was a good investment for the Town, with a lot of potential for development. Rep. Harrington noted that somewhere down the road in the not too distant future, the Town will need to develop another school. Rep. Harrington noted that if the body were to rescind the vote, the Town would lose the \$25,000 deposit. He urged those in attendance to stick with the purchase of the land, noting that he felt it was a good deal for the Town of Strafford. Mr. Martel stated that the Land Committee has searched for a lot of parcels of land. He stated that the land in question may be tied up for quite awhile in court. He then moved the question. The motion to limit debate was duly seconded whereby Moderator Wuelper called for a vote to limit debate. The vote to cease debate was declared as passed by Moderator Wuelper. A call for the vote on the motion made by Mr. Martel and seconded by Sandra Schwab to change line item 4000 within the budget, from \$206,000 to zero. The vote, as stated by Moderator Wuelper was recorded as a failed motion. Moderator Wuelper then recognized Mr. Irving Johnson who proposed an amendment to the budget – to cut the budget by 2% - noting the amount of \$146,019.99. Mr. Johnson stated that, by doing this, it would reduce the increase to approximately 9%. He spoke to being disheartened when he heard that one reason that the tuition has increased at Coe-Brown Academy was because they hired someone to do remedial reading with the freshmen class that some from Strafford Elementary as well as other schools. Mr. Johnson stated that he wished that the recovery process could be eliminated, and conduct the education within the classroom. Mr. Johnson stated that when students get to Coe-Brown Academy, they should be able to read and perform at that level. Mr. Johnson stated that he felt that the school district should get "a little bit meaner and leaner and not be so profligate with handing out raises." Mr. Martel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with Mrs.

Carrolle Popovich speaking against the amendment made by Mr. Johnson. She noted that she had been attending school district meetings for a long time, referencing the fact that several years ago, there was a hand out pie chart of how a budget reduction would affect the school. She noted that the pie chart displayed what portion of the budget could be cut and what cannot be cut from the budget. Mrs. Popovich noted that the pie chart showed a very very small slice of what could be cut from the budget. She added that reducing a budget by 2% makes that slice – and that's what you'll get if you reduce the budget. She spoke to allot of hard work that was put into the budget, noting that it is a lean budget. Mr. Vachon reminded the voters what happened when someone else cut the budget by 2% several years ago. He urged those in attendance to think about what is included within the budget that can be cut. A motion to limit debate was then made and seconded. Moderator Wuelper called for a vote on the motion to limit debate. The vote, as noted by Moderator Wuelper, was recorded as a vote in the affirmative. Moderator Wuelper then called for the vote on the amendment, to reduce the budget by 2% of \$146,019.99. On a raised card vote, Moderator Wuelper declared that the amendment failed. More discussion ensued with Mr. Alan Robertson stating that he marvels when he goes through the Strafford School. He made comparisons of a neighboring school, and the overcrowding being experienced and how it affects the students. He referenced the opportunity that had come up several years ago when the citizens of Strafford had the opportunity to purchase land at Austin Cate. Mr. Robertson's comment was "it's nice to be a penny wise, but if we don't vote for this, I really feel you're going to be a pound foolish." He noted his concurrence with Mr. Vachon, Mrs. Popovich and agree with the School Board. He stated that he placed a lot of faith in these people, who put in a lot of hours. Mr. Robertson stated "anybody that has, I think, any compassion for our children in this town and in the future, you know that there is only decision, and it may not be ideal, but it is certainly a lot better than anything we have." He urged those in attendance to make efforts to get some other building for our children. A motion was then made to move the question. This motion was duly seconded. A call to curtail debate was voted in the affirmative and so noted by Moderator Wuelper. Moderator Wuelper then read Article #5 again. Moderator Wuelper then called for a vote on Article #5. The vote on Article #5 passed, and was declared as such by Moderator Wuelper.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Lou Goskinski moving that the body not reconsider Articles 1-5. This motion was duly seconded. Moderator Wuelper stated that the motion before the body was to restrict consideration of the previously voted Warrant Articles. Point of Order. Discussion ensued regarding the statutory motion, with Moderator Wuelper noting that if the motion passes, this meeting cannot reconsider any previously passed Warrant Articles (Articles 1-5). There being no further discussion, Moderator Wuelper called for a vote on the motion. The motion, as noted by Moderator Wuelper, passed and was declared as such by the Moderator.

Warrant Article #6:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #6 as follows:

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to convey by Quitclaim Deed to the Town of Strafford, all of its right, title and interest to the modular unit and a portion of the land known as the former Messenger property described as follows; from the southeasterly corner of the school district land bordering on 202A running in a northeasterly direction along 202A for 317 feet, thence turning to the northwest and running 200 feet along the driveway to the back of the rear parking lot of the police station, then running in a southwesterly direction for 200 feet to the stonewall, then turning and running in a southeasterly direction toward Rte. 202A, along the stonewall boundary of the Sargent property to the point it begun at. This conveyance is made with the provisions that the said property shall revert to the school district for the sum of \$1.00 in the event that the town has no further use for this property, that the school district retains a right-of-way across the conveyed property to school property and the conveyance to be under such further terms and conditions as the school board shall determine are in the best interest of the school district.

Discussion ensued regarding this Article. Mr. Steve Leighton explained that, some years ago, the property was turned over to the Town for the police station, noting that the deed never got transferred. Now, the Town wants to build a new police station. Mr. Leighton stated that this same Warrant Article will be included within the Town Warrant, noting that it was just a formality. Mrs. Corinne D'Virgilio queried if that particular piece of land had to be purchased in order to build the new addition to the school. Mr. Leighton responded in the affirmative, but noted that there was more land than just the piece where the police department building is located. He noted that there was additional land, adding that the school district was only conveying a portion of the land. Mrs. D'Virgilio noted that last year, approval was given to the Town for the purchase of a piece of land for municipal purposes. She questioned whether the police station fell under that category. Mr. Leighton stated that he thought that this would probably be discussed extensively at town meeting. Mrs. D'Virgilio stated that she felt that the body should wait to vote on this when the Town decides where the police station will go, instead of giving the land away for a dollar. Mr. Leighton noted that the land in question is already being used for a police station. He noted further that if they decide that they don't want to use it, the school district will get it back anyway. Mr. Leighton noted that if it isn't conveyed at this point, it would be another year before it can be acted upon. Mr. Leighton noted that it is just a technicality, noting that the land in question is not a piece of property that will be used for the school. Mrs. D'Virgilio asked if the school board recommended Warrant Article #6. Mr. Leighton replied in the affirmative. Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #6 again. Moderator Wuelper called for a vote on Warrant Article #6 as read. The vote, as noted by Moderator Wuelper passed and was declared as such.

Warrant Article #7:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #7 as follows:

To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Moderator Wuelper asked if Warrant Article needed to be acted upon. Mr. Leighton responded in the negative.

Warrant Article #8:

Moderator Wuelper read Warrant Article #8 as follows:

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Mr. Cal Schroeder questioned the purchase of the land. He asked if the land would belong to the school board. He asked if any future use of the land would have to meet the approval of the school board, for any use. Mr. Leighton noted that it would be the same thing as was done for the police station. Mr. Schroeder queried the procedure, asking that if the town wanted to use it for anything would have to come back to the school board. Mr. Leighton reminded Mr. Schroeder that the voting body would have to approve this, not the school board. Mr. Schroeder asked for clarification for future use. Ms. Loughman stated that to convey interest in real estate requires a vote at the district meeting. The school board can grant the town a short-term lease to use it, but anything major – would require the vote of a district meeting. She noted with interest, that the land will belong to the Strafford School District, not the town.

Moderator Wuelper asked if there was anything else to come before the meeting. Rep. Harrington queried if there should be a plan developed, in lieu of the pending lawsuit. He questioned if there should be a plan to deal with the contingency. He asked if there could be a legal review to make sure that before the school district hands over a quarter million dollars that is non-refundable, that the pending law suit has no merit, and no money will be lost. Chairman Piper-Lang noted that she has been informed that the deed itself requires final approval, so, if there was merit to the pending lawsuit, the school district would be covered. She noted that the Board will be very careful, and will look at all the issues once again. Rep. Harrington queried what Chairman Piper-Lang meant by "final approval." Chairman Piper-Lang explained that the purchase and sale agreement requires final approval. Attorney Loughman further explained that the purchase and sale agreement is written in such a way that if the action of the meeting to

appropriate the money were invalidated, either by DRA or by the court, the school district would not be obligated to go through with the purchase. She explained further that there is language contained within the document that it would be contingent upon final approval – any necessary approval. She noted that the approval is not final if someone is in the process of challenging it in court. Rep. Harrington questioned the process. Attorney Loughman detailed the process. Mr. Leighton noted that the school board would insure that the money is protected. He noted that the seller has asked for another extension, and assured those in attendance that, with the circumstances that have arisen, the Board will protect the money 100%.

Moderator Wuelper asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. There being none, Rep. Harrington moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was duly seconded. Moderator Wuelper declared the 2002 Strafford School District Meeting closed at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


 Carrolle A. Popovich
 Strafford School District Clerk

2002 GRADUATES

Alexandria Andrews	Desiree S. Hutchins	Alexandra Perch-Ahern
Joshua R. Baribeault	Shannon K. Irving	Holly N. Peterson
Audra B. Bousley	Jacob James	Patrick L. Redmond
Benjamin Brown	Keith Jock, Jr.	Ronald J. Riley
Katie Brown	Kristen Jubinville	Korina A. Rivero
Robert C. Corson	Colin J. King	Kevin Robinson
John Cronk	Corey L. Krongard	Jessica S. Sharpe
Danielle L. Dow	Benjamin P. Lang	Zackary Smith
Andrew Ellis	Emmy-Lee LaPanne	Krista A. Stalzer
Peter D. Estes, Jr.	Steven R. LaPierre	Shawn Stanwood
Rosemary E. Fell	Nicole M. Lefebvre	Christopher Stillberger
Christophor P. Gagne	Ashley J. Leighton	Kristen M. Swain
Meghan P. Gahn	Zoe T. Litsios	Bryan Tasker
Stephen D. Garvin	Zachary Lyons	Sarah Vachon
Megan Gerschwiler	Joshua McCarthy	Kayla M. Waldron
Nicole A. Goodwin	Caitlin McGlinchey	Michael R. Walsh
L. James Goscinski, Jr.	Kaylyn A. McKeary	Emily Wensberg
Bret R. Grenier	James F. Miner	Kelsey Wentworth
Stephanie E. Guilmette	Devon R. Mitchell	April Wilson
Alexander W. R. Hackert	Kaleigh M. Moquin	Tiffany N. Wojtysiak
Hannah M. Helm	Benjamin E. Morris	Kristen L. Wright
Andrew J. Henderson	Kimberly A. Morrison	Jaime Yates
Jillian E. Hillsgrove	Heidi M. Mutschler	
Garren R. Hilow	Sean Allen Neisler	

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Date	Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
02/03/2002	Nathaniel D. Beyea	Strafford	Crystal M. Coggeshall	Strafford
03/04/2002	Juan L. Ortiz	Strafford	Melissa A. Gonzales	Strafford
04/20/2002	Craig R. Brunelle	Strafford	Victoria R. Lord	Strafford
05/04/2002	Daniel S. Bernier	Strafford	Jessica J. Thornton	Strafford
05/12/2002	Roy S. Doe	Strafford	Karen L. Burrows	Strafford
05/18/2002	Ronald L. Currier	Strafford	Rita G. Jedrey	Strafford
06/02/2002	Ralph N. Young, Sr	Strafford	Bonita S. McDonald	Somersworth
06/22/2002	Brand S. Klein	Bayfield, WI	Heather D. Trask	Strafford
06/22/2002	John J. McCausland	Chichester	Dana G. Paulukonis	Strafford
06/22/2002	Brian C. Wemmerus	Norwich, CT	Lucretia M. Gaul	Strafford
07/02/2002	David G. Mitchell	Strafford	Linda a. Mooers	Strafford
07/19/2002	Kermit E. Wagner	Strafford	Susan L. Kriete	Strafford
07/21/2002	Davaid J. Groskoph	Strafford	Tracey M. Nee	Strafford
07/27/2002	Joshua S. Knowles	Strafford	Crystal L. Russell	Strafford
08/10/2002	Jonathan C. White	Strafford	Carrie L. Stimmell	Northwood
08/17/2002	Nolan M. Woodcock	Strafford	Kellie Moniz	Strafford
08/24/2002	Michael J. Collins	Strafford	Andria J. Castine	Strafford
08/24/2002	Joseph S. Pelletier	Strafford	Ann E. White	Strafford
09/14/2002	James A. Chryst	Strafford	Cynthia M. Morrissey	Strafford
09/17/2002	Dwight A. Patten	Strafford	Jennifer L. Benedict	Strafford
09/21/2002	Aaron B. Tester	Strafford	Kristen E. Hall	Strafford
10/12/2002	Sean A. Maguire	Strafford	Heidi J. Weber	Strafford
11/24/2002	Eric E. richards	Strafford	Diane M. Shorter	Strafford
11.28/2002	Jesse R. Otten	Sioux Falls, SD	Moriah M. Leonard	Strafford
12/14/2002	Darrin L. Pike	Strafford	Christine M. McGuigan	Strafford
12/31/2002	Donald A. Lund	Strafford	Catherine S. Lund	Strafford

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
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Date of Birth	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/21/2002	Loghan Nichalaus Hunt	Peterborough	Christian Hunt	Christina Schmidt
01/28/2002	Riley Maxwell Colby	Dover	Steven Colby	Wendi Colby
02/01/2002	Nathaniel Joseph Huckins	Concord	Matthew Huckins	Anne Huckins
02/01/2002	Dylan Philip Haven White	Dover	William White	Donna White
02/28/2002	Hayden Alan Knight	Dover	Gary Knight	Emily Knight
03/08/2002	Lauren Rose Curtin	Concord	Michael Curtin	Nancy Curtin
04/12/2002	Cameron Scott Plona	Portsmouth	Kevin Plona	Andrea Plona
05/07/2002	Grace Katherine Carlock	Rochester	Steven Carlock	Cynthia Carlock
05/24/2002	Jacquelin Rose Main	Rochester	Mark Main	Carol Main
05/31/2002	Caitlin Marissa Bergeron	Portsmouth	Daniel Bergeron	Rebecca Bergeron
07/21/2002	Isabelle Maria Allan	Dover	Christopher Allan	Katrina Allan
08/08/2002	Elizabeth Ann Downer	Portsmouth	Todd Downer	Sarah Downer
08/16/2002	Patrick Malcolm Helm	Dover	Andrew Helm	Erica Helm
09/07/2002	Casey Eric Knowles	Stratford	Joshua Knowles	Crystal Knowles
10/11/2002	Harrison Seymour Flood	Dover	David Flood	Louise Flood
10/17/2002	Bredan Michael Thivierge	Concord	Micahel Thivierge	Deisha Thivierge
10/18/2002	Cole Adam Cooper	Exeter	Paul Cooper	Amy Cooper
10/20/2002	Carter Scott Ford	Dover	Duane Ford	Caryn Ford
10/29/2002	Ryan Phillip Bane	Concord	Russell Bane	Stephane Bane
11/05/2002	Riley James Mulligan	Exeter	Robert Mulligan	Cisa Mulligan
11/21/2002	Parker Matthew Eaton	Dover	Paul Eaton	Beth Eaton
11/29/2002	Elijah Chamberlain	Rochester	Brian Chamberlain	Maria Chamberlain
12/20/2002	Benjamin John Cunch	Dover	John Cunch	Andrea Cunch
12/31/2002	Haley Rose Noel	Dover	Eric Noel	Jennifer Noel

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD
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Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/11/2002	Francis J. O'Grady	Rochester	Stephen O'Grady	Margaret Robinson
03/23/2002	Leonard E. Hudson	Strafford	Gilbert Hudson	Mary Cobb
04/26/2002	Doris L. Lake	Rochester	Carl Addison	Emma Jordan
05/10/2002	Robert Hodges	Strafford	George Hodges	Elsie Wallace
05/11/2002	James Towle, Sr	Strafford	Daniel Towle	Ruth Boyington
06/09/2002	James Lemon	Strafford	James Lemon	Gertrude Brothers
07/05/2002	Leona H. Dupre	Dover	Joseph Cote	Lora Arnold
10/15/2002	Helen Brown	Strafford	Harlan W. Cutter	Jessie Merriam
10/31/2002	William Talvio	Dover	Otto Talvio	Anna Johnson
11/28/2002	Ernest G. Miller	Dover	Clayton Miller	Leona Hutchinson
11/30/2002	Gordon K. Hill	Exeter	Herman Hill	Lucy Stralam
12/06/2002	Alan H. Estey	Exeter	Albert Estey	Margaret Walker
12/06/2002	Mary L. Reinfurt	Strafford	Albert Allard	Lavina Thibadeau
12/11/2002	Braden J. Verra	Strafford	James Verra	Cheryl Fogarty
12/19/2002	Joseph J. Gambardella	Strafford	Carmine Gambardella	Adelina Ciampa
12/25/2002	Melvin R. Watts	Strafford	Seth Watts	Dorothy Clark

